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Straying firework sets rope ablaze

CELEBRATION OF LIGHT An exposed rope on the HSBC Celebration of Light barge caught fire during the festival's opening night show and was quickly extinguished with sand, organizers said yesterday.

The fire started when a stray firework struck the rope and set it ablaze during Canada's Godzilla-inspired show.

Kari Kylo, general manager of the fireworks festival, said it was a minor issue and was immediately put out by two crewmembers who scooped sand onto the burning rope.

"There are lots of safety precautions in place," she said. "It was a small, isolated incident."

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Ed Chase comforts his dog Darryl — the animal's hind legs are paralyzed — along 96th Avenue in Surrey. Chase, who is homeless, had his other dog, Ray, seized by Surrey SPCA officers for biting a man who got into a confrontation with Chase.

Homeless man wants seized dog returned

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Vancouver

A homeless man wants his dog back after it bit a man during a confrontation and was seized by the Surrey SPCA.

The dog may be put down and Ed Chase is being told that according to Surrey bylaws he needs to pay a $5,000 fine to get the dog released.

Since his father's death two months ago, Chase said there is little comfort in his life. There are his friends who drop by the grassy area he calls home and his numbered possessions, stored on a small wagon. And there are his two dogs, Darryl and Ray.

"This isn't about the dog," Chase said. "It's about the City of Surrey wanting me off this grass."

On June 28, Chase got into a yelling match over the anti-government protest sign he was holding, with John Barichello, 60, at a gas station near 97th Avenue and 160th Street. Chase said when he was punched in the back of the head and had his hair grabbed, Ray defended him by clamping down on Barichello's leg.

Barichello's version is that Chase and a friend approached him, began assaulting him, and then Ray chomped down on his leg.

Either way, Ray is now locked up.

"My dogs mean everything to me," said Chase. "I've been a loser for most of my life, but I tried not to commit crimes."

Corry Anderson-Fennell, with the B.C. SPCA, said that Surrey's dog responsibility bylaw states that dogs must be muzzled. Chase has refused to muzzle Ray, calling it cruel.

He appears in court Thursday.

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Whitecaps expected to seek MLS franchise

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Vancouver Whitecaps FC are expected to announce today that they are applying for a Major League Soccer franchise and that basketball superstar Steve Nash will be a partner in the bid.

The Whitecaps did not comment yesterday, but have scheduled a press conference for 11 this morning at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Vancouver.

Nash, 34, a two-time MVP for the Phoenix Suns of the National Basketball Association, grew up in Victoria and is the son of a professional soccer player from South Africa. His brother Martin plays midfielder for the Whitecaps.

Steve Nash

"I've been a fan of the (Whitecaps) since I was six," Nash told a New York Times soccer blog last month that named Nash as part of a group that hoped to bring MLS soccer to Vancouver.

"I haven't invested money yet, more like human capital. It's a spectacular city. We're really optimistic and we're hoping to have some good news at the MLS All-Star Game in Toronto."

Prior to yesterday's all-star game, the MLS board of governors approved expanding the league by an additional two teams by 2011.

Vancouver, along with Montreal, Ottawa, Atlanta, Las Vegas, Portland, St. Louis and a second New York team were identified as prospective expansion markets by MLS commissioner Don Garber.

In May, the Whitecaps announced they would begin playing in B.C. Place in 2011 while work continued on their proposed waterfront stadium in Gastown.

N. American soccer

- MLS is North America's premier soccer league. Over the past few years it has attracted superstars like England's David Beckham, Mexico's Cuauhtemoc Blanco and Colombia's Juan Pablo Angel.

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MP wants tax axed on bikes

Vancouver Quadra MP Joyce Murray introduced a bill that would cut the GST from bicycles and cycling-related goods and services yesterday. She told the House of Commons that the tax cut would be an incentive for people to stop using cars for short trips. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Wrigley's gets sweet Games deal

Wrigley's gum and candies has been named the official confectionery supplier to the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver. To celebrate, Wrigley is sending Canadian athletes in Beijing an assortment of Wrigley favourites, books and mini-sized bottles of maple syrup. METRO VANCOUVER

Port Coquitlam

Mayor in court for sentencing today

ASSAULT Port Coquitlam Mayor Scott Young will be sentenced in provincial court today for assaulting his ex-girlfriend and her friend in her converted-garage gym in April 2007.

Crown and defence lawyers have asked that Young receive a conditional sentence of nine months to be served in the community followed by a probation period of six to 16 months.

In May, Young pleaded guilty to two counts of assault and one count of breaching a court order to stay away from Colleen Preston. Young was depressed, off his medication and intoxicated when the assault took place. Police found two four-metre lengths of rope in his pockets.

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Crime

Second suspect in slew of break-ins

ARREST A second man believed to be responsible for more than 20 break-ins in North Vancouver was arrested yesterday.

RCMP say the 29-year-old Abbotsford resident may be linked to several of the break-ins since May in the Lower Lonsdale area.

On July 9, police arrested Maxwell Edward Whonnock, 31, of North Vancouver, but the burglaries continued before he was released on bail.

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Godzilla trashes beach

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Nowhere was Godzilla's attack on Vancouver more evident yesterday morning than local beaches where parks crews cleaned up trash from the opening night of the HSBC Celebration of Light.

The litter — mainly disposable food and drink containers, papers and plastic bags — was all that remained of the estimated 250,000 to 300,000 people who turned out to watch team Canada's Godzilla-inspired fireworks show.

Bill Manning, operations manager with Vancouver parks and recreation, said an extra 100 trash containers were placed along high-viewing areas, making it easier for people to dump their trash.

After the crowds left, however, most garbage containers were only half full.

"A thing that really sticks in my mind," Manning said.

"When I was out first thing this morning, I saw a pizza box, five feet away from the garbage container."

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

English Bay Beach is strewn with garbage at 5:30 a.m. yesterday. The litter was left behind by an estimated 250,000 to 300,000 people at the opening night of the HSBC Celebration of Light festival.

Bike valet

- Only about 200 people took part in the festival's bike valet program at the tennis courts at Kits Beach and near Lost Lagoon in Stanley Park.

During last year's civic strike — amid concerns that city managers would be unable to handle the large amount of fireworks-related trash — the amount of garbage on the beach decreased significantly.

Manning had hoped that trend would continue, but fears Sunday will be worse.

More than 350,000 people are expected for the U.S. team's "Love Will Save The World" tomorrow night.

Despite the large crowd, Vancouver Const. Tim Fanning said the evening was relatively peaceful.

Officers made roughly 280 liquor seizures and arrested eight people, including four drunks. Eight knives, a replica handgun and a can of bear spray were seized.

Parents now offer reward for remains

MISSING The parents of a missing Burnaby man have changed the reward for their son's return to one that asks for his remains instead.

PHOTO COURTESY B.C. RCMP

McElwee

RCMP have found evidence Kellen McElwee was murdered, and the parents of the 25-year-old have changed the $50,000 reward for his safe return to a $30,000 reward for his body, said Cpl. Dale Carr.

"All the information we have so far suggests that he has met with foul play and has been murdered," said Carr.

McElwee was last seen at the Keg Steakhouse and Bar in Langley on March 19. His car was found in Burnaby a few days later. Police are still looking for a man caught on video leaving McElwee's condo on April 2.

JOYCE YIP/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

BEARSPRAY Several police officers and a police dog were bear-sprayed during an arrest in Chilliwack. On Wednesday, a 19-year-old man was arrested in his probation office for arriving in a stolen Ford. He resisted, using the spray to keep three officers away until a police dog brought him down. He was later treated in hospital for dog bites. The man faces charges of theft and assault.

MODEL A television network in China has aired an interview with the 18-year-old man who confessed to killing Saltspring Island model Diana O'Brien. Chen Jun describes in detail his attempt to steal O'Brien's laptop and stabbing her with his foldblade knife when she tried to stop him.

ASSIST Air 1, the Lower Mainland's traffic helicopter, helped nab a car thief yesterday. The 31-year-old suspect allegedly drove around Langley thinking he'd lost police, not aware that Air 1 followed his every move.

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Chilliwack fight card KO'd by council

Chilliwack city council has denied a request to hold a mixed martial arts event by promoter Valley Fight. Councillors KO'd the idea after a staff report cited concerns over the clientele it would attract and the social impact of hosting fighting events. **CBC.CA/BC**

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An endangered mountain caribou herd in B.C.

Caribou to benefit from new conservation area

DONNA NG
for Metro Vancouver

DARKWOODS B.C.'s endangered mountain caribou received some help from the federal government yesterday when it was announced that 550 square kilometres of ecologically sensitive land is being protected.

"We're conserving an area nearly 140 times the size of Stanley Park, it's a significant investment," said Environment Minister John Baird at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Vancouver yesterday. "It's a one-time opportunity to significantly improve odds of survival for our Woodland caribou."

Located in the south Selkirk region of B.C., the property known as Darkwoods is the largest private conservation land acquisition in Canadian history.

The government purchased it from Germany's Duke of Wurttemberg and his company Pluto Darkwoods Forestry Co., which privately owned and operated the land since 1967.

Carter believes in Vancouver

X-Files' home honoured

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Vancouver

Clutching X-Files merchandise and wearing T-shirts that read "I want to believe" and "The truth is out there," some X-Files fans waited for hours yesterday to catch a glimpse of the sci-fi franchise creators.

Rochelle Leung, 22, heard about the premiere on the Internet.

"This is the only show I've watched repeatedly," she said. "It really reminds me of my childhood."

Director, writer and producer Chris Carter and writer and producer Frank Spotnitz walked the red carpet outside the Scotiabank Theatre, fielding questions from the press and signing autographs before the premiere of The X-Files: I Want To Believe.

Carter, who has a home in Vancouver, said he returned to honour the city.

"This is the home of the X-Files," he said.

Spotnitz said he was excited to return.

"We love it here," he said. "This is a second home. We really wanted to come here to celebrate the movie here."

The first five years of the series was shot here in the city, along with most of the latest movie.

Mayor Sam Sullivan was on scene to give a proclamation to Chris Carter.

The movie comes out nationally today.

RAFE ARNOTT/METRO VANCOUVER

Christ Carter, director of the X-Files, was on the red carpet at the Scotiabank Theatre for the Vancouver premier of the sci-ence-fiction franchise's second film last night.

News in brief

GONDOLAS Whistler Blackcomb Ski Resort unveiled its new high-tech "Peak 2 Peak" gondolas and a radar system that will detect incoming aircraft yesterday, news1130.com reports. The radar system will be used to alert aircraft if they are too close to the gondolas.

STABBING A 22-year-old man was stabbed in the arms and legs during a robbery downtown, news1130.com reports. The incident happened at the corner of Granville and Georgia streets, around 2:15 a.m. yesterday.

FERRIES FARE B.C. Ferries may have to consider cutting service in off-peak periods to reduce costs, Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon said. The minister told CBC News Online the upcoming fare increase on Aug. 1 will reduce the number of passengers and that, with rising fuel prices, the ministry may have to examine service levels during non-peak periods. B.C. Ferries is a private corporation owned and operated by the B.C. government to provide ferry service for the province.

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Sexual predator released

Edmonton Police are alerting the public to be aware of a convicted sexual predator recently released from prison. William Edward Stewart, 39, was recently released after spending three years and two months behind bars for two sex assaults dating back to 1991. METRO CANADA

Canada

Got any extra tennis balls?

A Canadian bank is collecting tens of thousands of unwanted tennis balls, which it says it will recycle to reduce noise levels in primary schools. The donated balls will be sliced open and stuck on the bottom of the legs of school chairs and tables to muffle classroom noise and make it easier for students to learn, Montreal-based National Bank of Canada says.

B.C. land set to become sanctuary

ENVIRONMENT A massive area nine times the size of Vancouver in southeastern B.C. — owned by a German duke who bought the land during the Cold War as a safe haven against the Communists — is becoming a sanctuary for caribou and other threatened species. The federal government and Nature Conservancy of Canada are paying $125 million for the land to protect the 550 square kilometres of wilderness. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

HALIFAX Two Filipino crewmen on a container ship that was in the Port of Halifax this week face charges for smuggling child pornography. METRO CANADA

Baird touts climate plan

Federal Environment Minister John Baird says Ottawa is still going to be tougher at cutting greenhouse gases than the provinces are, even with the strong cap-and-trade plan now endorsed by British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba.

"You'll find that the national numbers will call for greater reductions than the provincial numbers," Baird told the Torstar News Service yesterday after taking a look at the draft cap-and-trade details released this week under the so-called Western Climate Initiative, which Ontario is now backing.

"What are their numbers? What sort of a reduction are they seeking over what emissions are today?"

The Western Climate Initiative is a product of environmental co-operation among seven states and four Canadian provinces.

This week, the WCI unveiled more details of how the cross-border plan would work to cap and trade emissions. Basically, it proposes to set a hard cap in advance of each year from 2012 to 2020, but it also allows businesses that can't meet their cap targets to buy emission "credits" from cleaner firms. The intent of cap-and-trade plans is to encourage efficiency and conservation by rewarding industries that get below the cap and adding costs to high polluters.

Baird says he endorses the provincial effort to cut emissions, but he remains in the dark about whether this system will yield the 20 per cent cut in emissions by 2020 that is promised under Prime Minister Stephen Harper's federal plan.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

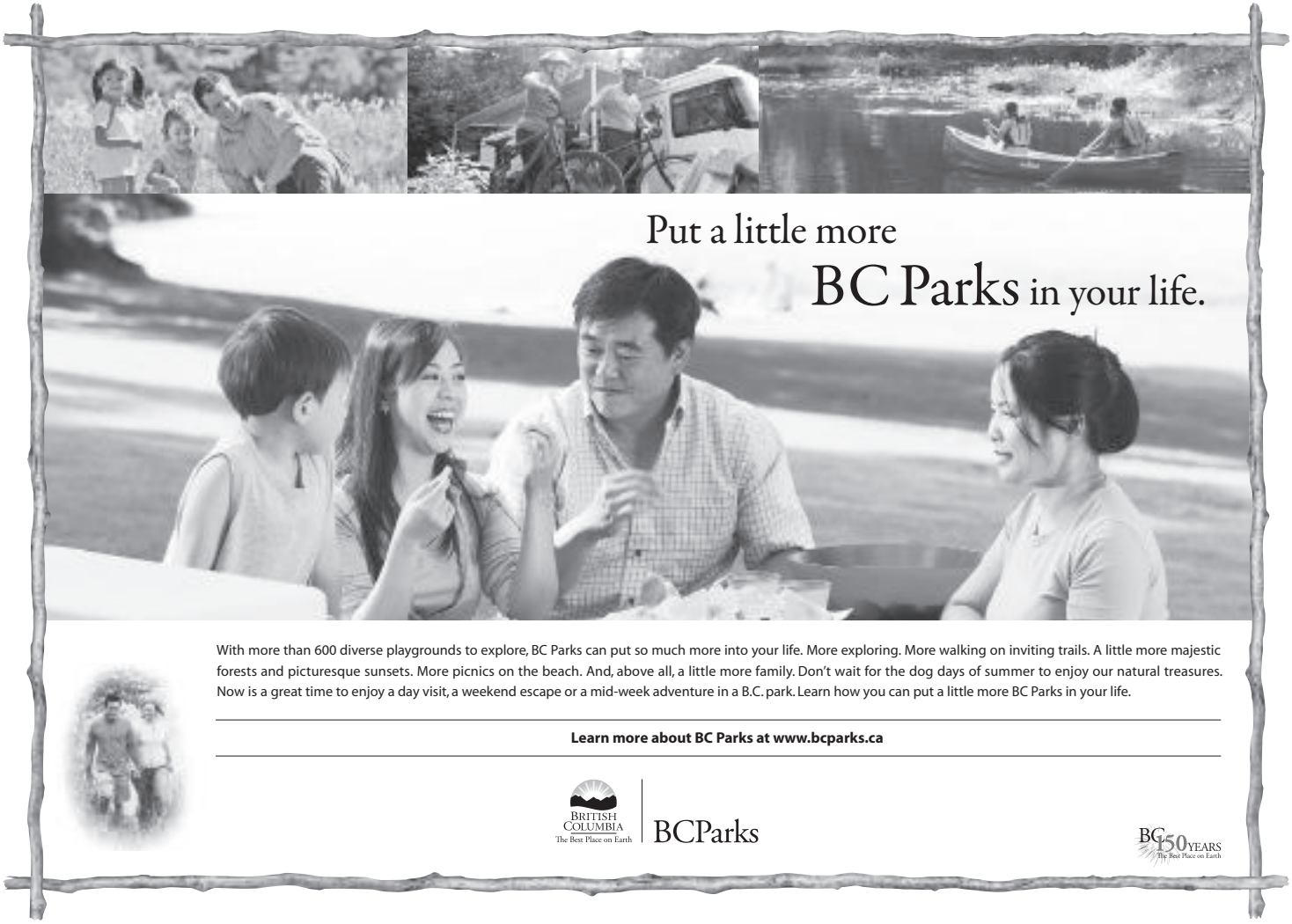
Dion's take

• Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion, who is out this summer pushing for a carbon-tax proposal, has said this week that he has no objections to the cap-and-trade system that seems to be finding favour in the United States. He just believes it won't cut emissions as quickly as a carbon-pricing regime.

Strike Gravediggers off the job

LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mount Pleasant Cemetery worker Frank Miele walks the picket line in Toronto yesterday. More than 200 unionized gravediggers went on strike at nine cemeteries across southern Ontario. The union is asking for adequate training, more full-time hires, full health benefits after retirement and a halt to spraying pesticides.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Russia denies plan to position bombers

Russia said yesterday it had no plans to open any military bases abroad and denied a newspaper report it may deploy nuclear-capable bombers in Cuba in retaliation to a planned U.S. missile shield in Europe. REUTERS

World

"I don't see this being a problem as Dolly moves inland"

Johnny Cavazos, emergency management co-ordinator, speaking about Hurricane Dolly.

Downgraded

Hurricane Dolly, which lashed the U.S.-Mexico coastline, weakened to a tropical depression yesterday over South Texas, but concern remained over flooding.

McCain takes shot at Obama over trip

FOREIGN POLICY Republican John McCain said yesterday he would like to give a speech in Germany as U.S. president not as a White House candidate, taking a swipe at rival Barack Obama while the Democrat gave a major address in Berlin.

"I'd love to give a speech in Germany ... a political speech or a speech that maybe the German people would be interested in, but I'd much prefer to do it as president of the United States rather than as a candidate ... for the office of presidency," McCain said.

Standing in front of a store in a neighborhood known as German Village, McCain — for whom foreign policy is considered a strength — said he would focus on issues at home while his opponent travelled abroad.

"I have very good relations with Europe, many of the European leaders."
Republican John McCain

"I have very good relations with Europe, many of the European leaders," McCain said, noting he had met several times with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and had visited with French President Nicolas Sarkozy and British Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

"I know them well. It's not my first meeting with them or with the leaders in Israel and the Palestinians," he said.

Republicans have scoffed at Obama's high profile speech, which German media has compared to President John Kennedy's famous 1963 "Ich bin ein Berliner" address.

"Ich bin ein Hypocrite," the Republican party chided in a statement, criticizing Obama for what it called a lack of leadership on Afghanistan in a congressional committee he chairs. The Arizona senator also confirmed he would meet with the Dalai Lama in Aspen, Colo., Friday. REUTERS

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U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Senator Barack Obama makes a speech to nearly 200,000 Germans in Berlin yesterday.

Obama courts Europe

U.S. presidential candidate Barack Obama urged Europe to stand by the United States in stabilizing Afghanistan in a speech to over 200,000 in Berlin that stressed the need for unity in the face of new threats.

Speaking at the Victory Column in the central Tiergarten park yesterday, the Democratic senator said America had no better partner than Europe, but cautioned both sides against turning inward.

"I recognize the enormous difficulties in Afghanistan," Obama said. "But my country and yours have a stake in seeing that NATO's first mission beyond Europe's borders is a success. For the people of Afghanistan, and for our shared security, the work must be done. America cannot do this alone."

Obama is popular in Europe partly because he opposed the Iraq war and has vowed to pull U.S. troops out of the country. But he is now pledging to shift the focus to Afghanistan, which is likely to mean more demands on Germany. Obama said Europe and the United States needed to stand together to pressure Iran to abandon its nuclear ambitions and urged both sides to move beyond their differences over the Iraq war to help suffering Iraqis rebuild their lives. REUTERS

Rock star greeting

Obama has aimed to dispel the notion he lacks the foreign affairs seasoning to serve as commander-in-chief with a seven-nation tour this week that has taken him to Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Jordan, Israel and Germany, where he received a rock star welcome.

Mosley awarded damages

INTRUSION CASE Motor racing chief Max Mosley won damages in a British court yesterday when a judge ruled a tabloid newspaper had violated his privacy by publishing details of his part in a sado-masochistic orgy.

Max Mosley

Mosley, president of Formula One's governing body, did not deny taking part in the German-themed sex session with five prostitutes, but said his privacy was violated by The News of the World's reporting of it. The judge awarded Mosley 60,000 pounds in damages and said the newspaper should pay his legal costs — estimated at 450,000 pounds. The case carried the potential to set a new benchmark for privacy, deterring the media from excessive intrusion. REUTERS

News in brief

MEN SURVEYED A survey, by men's lifestyle website *AskMen.com*, found that 77 per cent of respondents look for girlfriends with "wife potential" and 75 per cent believe they have a soul mate.

BUSH APPEAL U.S. President George W. Bush yesterday urged his successor to carry on what he called his "freedom agenda" of promoting human rights, democracy, and free trade around the world. REUTERS

Facebook

Scrabulous game hit with lawsuit

INFRINGEMENT Toy maker Hasbro said yesterday it filed a suit against the creators of the online game Scrabulous, saying it infringes on Hasbro's Scrabble intellectual property rights.

The suit, filed in the Southern District of New York, names Scrabulous creators the brothers Rajat Agarwalla and Jayant Agarwalla, and RJ Softwares as the defendants. RJ Softwares, an IT solutions provider, cites its hand in the launch of Scrabulous on its website.

Hasbro, the world's No. 2 toy company, also sent a notice to Facebook, the social networking site that hosts Scrabulous. REUTERS

Move over Europe, U.S. — the future is Asia, India says
The future of manufacturing is in low-cost youthful Asian economies, and the United States and Europe should abandon ideas of propping up uncompetitive industries, India's trade minister Kamal Nath said yesterday during World Trade Organization talks. REUTERS

Business

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Facebook

Mark Zuckerberg.

Facebook founder spreads his web

EXPENSES The leader of a youth movement that swept the world this past year spoke of spreading his service across the web.

Mark Zuckerberg, 24, told Facebook's annual conference the service will run on affiliated sites outside its own. Facebook Connect will transform the social network from a private site to a web-wide phenomenon where software makers can tap member data for use on their sites. REUTERS

Ford posts huge loss

Ford Motor Co. posted a record $8.7-billion US quarterly loss yesterday as it wrote down the value of slumping truck and SUV operations and revamped plans in a bid to break its reliance on the gas-guzzlers that have been its franchise vehicles for a decade.

The second-quarter loss was deeper than analysts had forecast and Ford shares fell by 15 per cent.

In response to the sudden premium on fuel efficiency, the No. 2 U.S. automaker said it would retool truck plants in Michigan and Kentucky to make small cars in addition to a conversion for a Mexican truck plant.

In addition, Ford will bring four small cars to North America, including a Mercury-branded derivative of its popular Focus. It also said it would double its hybrid output in 2009. REUTERS

Production cuts

- The collapse in demand for trucks and SUVs since the start of the year forced major automakers, including industry leader Toyota Motor Corp., to cut production.

Gasoline tempers Petro-Can's profit

OIL Petro-Canada's second-quarter profit jumped by more than three-quarters as oil prices surged, but weakness in refining and marketing tempered results, the oil producer and refiner said yesterday. Petro-Canada also said the cost of its refinery overhaul in Alberta had climbed by 14 per cent to $2.5 billion. REUTERS

In brief

MICROSOFT Chief Executive Steve Ballmer yesterday said Microsoft Corp. was "done," for now with pursuing Yahoo Inc.

TAXES A U.S. report says businesses in the Ugland House in the Cayman Islands, cited as a symbol of tax evasion, jumped from 12,748 in 2004 to the current 18,857 "without even adding a new floor." REUTERS

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NFL
Denver Broncos wide receiver Rod Smith announced his retirement yesterday at a press conference, marking the end of a 12-year career as one of the most consistently productive receivers in the NFL. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

Doc dominates Orioles

Roy Halladay, left, was his usual efficient self on the hill, allowing just one run through seven innings in the Toronto Blue Jays' 7-1 triumph over the Baltimore Orioles yesterday in the finale of their four-game series. Before Halladay shut down the O's, Toronto finished off Wednesday's rain-suspended game with the 5-1 win. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Tillman bleeds 'Riders green

Longtime CFL executive relishes role with defending Grey Cup champs

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He has, in his 12 CFL seasons with the Montreal Concordes, Toronto Argonauts, B.C. Lions, Ottawa Renegades and Saskatchewan Roughriders, received a black eye from a boss, a public insult in which he was called a "red-headed piss ant" by a rival and a pink slip from an organization whose head coach stopped speaking to him.

It certainly has been a colourful front-office career for Eric Tillman so far.

And he's gone green now — reflective of both the team colour of his Roughriders and the megabucks the club recently gave him in an unprecedented contract extension. It's a laden-incentive deal that could, if Saskatchewan continues to excel, keep Tillman around as general manager until 2020.

"I want to finish my career here," the Mississippi native told me yesterday via telephone, as he celebrated his 51st birthday. "I have the best job in the CFL now. No fans have the passion and devotion ours do. Football is the unifying force in Saskatchewan. When people are born here, they don't get birthmarks. They get (Rider) logos."

It helps Tillman, of course, that the Riders captured the Grey Cup last season and are the only undefeated CFL team this season. Still, Tillman takes nothing for granted and elaborates with a nifty analogy that you can read in my latest CFL Report, exclusively at metronews.ca, where I also recount Tillman's aforementioned clashes as well as several cool stories about him and players such as the Argos' Kerry Joseph and Mike Vanderjagt. Check it out.

• Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Jim Furyk and David Beckham were all in Toronto this week, but more exciting to me is who's in Edmonton — archrival auto racers Danica Patrick and Milka Duno. They're spatting cats, these two, but also underdogs at the Edmonton Indy, with Patrick at 81-to-1 and Duno an even longer shot at 251-to-1 … At the Canadian Open golf gig, Furyk is a 7-to-5 favourite to repeat as champ, and, although I'm not sure why, underachieving Ontarian Mike Weir isn't far behind at 5-to-2 … Please, no more Mats Sundin stories until he signs or quits.

• I can't decide what Leo Rautins is worse at — analyzing basketball or coaching it … What's this I hear about the new ownership of the Ottawa Rapidz baseball club irking creditors with unpaid bills? … And Edmonton sports hack Terry Jones must think he's a psychologist now because here's what he actually said on radio about Oilers GM Kevin Lowe: "He has an anger-management problem."

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Smart moves

• In his career as a CFL general manager, Eric Tillman has twice replaced Danny Barrett with Kent Austin — and won the Grey Cup both times. Before the 1994 season, Tillman replaced Barrett with Austin as starting quarterback of the B.C. Lions. Before the 2007 season, Tillman replaced Barrett with Austin as head coach of the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

Tillman

Simon in position to pass Young

CFL Geroy Simon will be looking to make history tonight when the B.C. Lions host the Montreal Alouettes.

Simon needs just four yards receiving to pass Jim Young for the franchise record in career receiving yards. Simon entered Week 5 as the CFL's leading receiver and has not been shutout in a game since 2002.

Geroy Simon

Canucks eyeing Sens' Vermette

NHL According to the rumour mill, the Vancouver Canucks aren't sitting idly by waiting for Mats Sundin to make up his mind.

The Canucks are said to be interested in Senators' forward Antoine Vermette and would be willing to send a defenceman to Ottawa as part of a trade package.

SCOTT RINTOUL/METRO VANCOUVER

Roddick bounced at Rogers

TENNIS Rafael Nadal and defending champion Novak Djokovic eased into the last eight of the Toronto Masters last night, while a racket-smashing Andy Roddick suffered a shock upset.

Frenchman Gilles Simon, who a day earlier sent world No. 1 Roger Federer tumbling out of the tournament, returned to the court and swept into the quarter-finals with a tidy 6-3, 6-4 win over Argentine Jose Acasuso.

However, six seed Roddick became the latest upset victim by losing to 19-year-old Croat Marin Cilic 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

French Open and Wimbledon champion Nadal stopped plucky Russian Igor Andreev 6-2, 7-6 to improve his unbeaten streak to 26 matches. **REUTERS**

Soccer **MLS All-Stars shine**

CHRIS YOUNT/REUTERS

MLS All-Stars David Beckham, left, challenges West Ham United's Joe Widdowson for the ball last night in Toronto during the MLS All-Star Game at BMO Field. Canadian Dwayne De Rosario's penalty kick in the 69th minute gave the MLS All-Stars a 3-2 victory over English Premiership squad.

Weir among leaders at Canadian Open

GOLF Canadian favourite Mike Weir and Americans Anthony Kim and Eric Axley fired six-under-par 65s to share the first-round lead at the RBC Canadian Open yesterday.

The trio were among the few players to complete their rounds on a miserable day at a soggy Glen Abbey, avoiding torrential rain and lightning which halted play for six hours.

Bidding to become the first Canadian to win the title for 54 years, Weir brightened up the stormy day for the hometown fans with a bogey-free round.

Weir, who lost to Vijay Singh in a playoff in 2004 when the event was last on the Oakville, Ont., course, rolled in a five-footer on his final hole to earn a share of the lead. **REUTERS**

Sports in brief

CFL The Calgary Stampeders were fed a dose of reality last night in Winnipeg, losing to the previously winless Blue Bombers 32-28. Bombers quarterback Ryan Dinwiddie orchestrated a miracle finish by hitting Romby Bryant with a TD pass in the dying seconds for the winning score. The Stampeders fell to 3-2 in the CFL West.

WNBA The WNBA handed down 11 suspensions yesterday stemming from a brawl during Tuesday night's contest between the Los Angeles Sparks and Detroit Shock. Detroit Shock forward Plenette Pierson received the harshest suspension, four games, after the league deemed her the instigator in the incident.

NHL The Buffalo Sabres signed forward Mathieu Darche yesterday. Darche, 31, played in 73 games last season with Tampa Bay, posting career highs with seven goals and 15 assists. In other NHL news, Glen Murray cleared waivers yesterday and is expected to be bought out by the Boston Bruins. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

SCOREBOARD

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Tampa Bay	59	42	.584	—
Boston	60	43	.583	—
N.Y. Yankees	56	45	.554	3
Toronto	51	51	.500	8½
Baltimore	48	53	.475	11

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Sox	57	43	.570	—
Minnesota	55	46	.545	2½
Detroit	52	49	.515	5½
Kansas City	46	57	.447	12½
Cleveland	44	56	.440	13

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Angels	62	39	.614	—
Oakland	52	49	.515	10
Texas	52	50	.510	10½
Seattle	38	63	.376	24

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
N.Y. Mets	55	47	.539	—
Philadelphia	54	48	.529	1
Florida	53	49	.520	2
Atlanta	48	53	.475	6½
Washington	38	64	.373	17

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Cubs	60	42	.588	—
Milwaukee	59	43	.578	1
St. Louis	57	47	.548	4
Cincinnati	50	53	.485	10½
Pittsburgh	48	54	.471	12
Houston	46	55	.455	13½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Arizona	50	51	.495	—
L.A. Dodgers	49	52	.485	1
Colorado	45	58	.437	6
San Francisco	43	58	.426	7
San Diego	38	65	.369	13

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Kansas City 4 Tampa Bay 2
Toronto 5 Baltimore 1 (completion of suspended game)
Toronto 7 Baltimore 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Chicago Cubs 6 Florida 3
Milwaukee 4 St. Louis 3
N.Y. Mets 3 Philadelphia 1
Pittsburgh 9 San Diego 1
San Francisco 1 Washington 0

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 5:05
Minnesota at Cleveland, 5:05
Chicago White Sox at Detroit, 5:05
L.A. Angels at Baltimore, 5:05
Seattle at Toronto, 5:07
Tampa Bay at Kansas City, 6:10
Texas at Oakland, 8:05

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Florida at Chicago Cubs, 12:20
San Diego at Pittsburgh, 5:05
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 5:05
St. Louis at N.Y. Mets, 5:10
Colorado at Cincinnati, 5:10
Houston at Milwaukee, 6:05
Arizona at San Francisco, 8:15
Washington at L.A. Dodgers, 8:40

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
Montreal	2	2	0	4
Toronto	2	2	0	4
Hamilton	1	3	0	2
Winnipeg	1	4	0	0

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	T	GB
Saskatchewan	4	0	0	8
Calgary	3	2	0	6
Edmonton	2	2	0	4
B.C.	2	2	0	4

WEEK 5

LAST NIGHT'S RESULT
Winnipeg 32 Calgary 28

TODAY'S GAMES
Edmonton at Hamilton, 4
Montreal at B.C., 7

SUNDAY'S GAME
Toronto at Saskatchewan, 4

SOCCER

GAMES FEATURING THE VANCOUVER WHITECAPS MEN'S TEAM:

TOMORROW'S GAME
Carolina at **VANCOUVER**, 7

BASEBALL

NORTHWEST LEAGUE GAMES FEATURING THE VANCOUVER CANADIANS:

YESTERDAY'S RESULT
VANCOUVER 7 Yakima 4

TONIGHT'S GAME
VANCOUVER at Tri-City, 7:15

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PGA TOUR HD

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TODAY ..... 12:00 PM

FOOTBALL

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TONIGHT
ESKIMOS vs. TIGER-CATS ..... 4:00 PM
ALOUETTES vs. LIONS ..... 7:00 PM
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ARGONAUTS vs. ROUGHRIDERS
SUNDAY ..... 4:00 PM

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Doping
An as yet unnamed weightlifter has tested positive for a banned substance, the Greek Weightlifting Federation said. REUTERS

Beijing Games

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IOC bans Iraq from Games

Iraq has been banned from the Games because of a government decision to disband the country's National Olympic Committee, a senior official said yesterday.

"This morning we were informed of the final decision of the International Olympic Committee to suspend the membership of the Iraqi Olympic Committee," NOC general secretary Hussein al-Amidi said. "It is a blow to Iraq and its international reputation, its athletes and its youth."

The government of Iraq disbanded the NOC in May because of a dispute over how it had been assembled. The IOC gave Iraq a deadline to reinstate the committee but the government has refused to back down.

Iraq had planned to send a small team despite violence that has killed more than 100 athletes in the country since the 2003 United States-led invasion.

REUTERS

Monday's lineup

BACK TO BASICS Andrew Russell's biggest step toward the Olympics came five years ago, when he stepped away from his canoe. Pick up Metro on Monday for more.

13 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

Freedom of the press?

Journalists feel the pain as officials obsess about possible protests

The scene stunned Germany at is breakfast table.

One recent morning, with 240,000 households tuned in to the ZDF television news program Morgen Magazin, viewers watched in disbelief as a live interview from the Great Wall of China near Beijing was broken up by Chinese police.

Correspondent Johannes Hano had just begun the interview when a pair of waving hands suddenly appeared, a surge of police stepped in — there were more than 30 in all — and finally a big hand came down on the camera's lens and it was all over.

It happened live, on air, as hundreds of thousands of Germans looked on — a public relations disaster for China of the first order.

"We had to stop the segment, of course," says ZDF's deputy editor-in-chief Elmar Thevessen from Germany.

Viewers calling in were angry, he says.

At a closed-door meeting of world broadcasters in Beijing this month, Sun Weijia, the Beijing Olympic Games organizing committee's media chief expressed "regret" for what happened.

He promised no such incident would happen again, officials say.

But will it? Will the international media finally enjoy the "complete freedom" Beijing organizers publicly promised on July 12, 2001 — the day before they won the rights to host the 2008 Summer Games?

MIGUEL MEDINA/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Amnesty International members perform an interpretation of censorship against a journalist ahead of the Beijing Games.

"We will give the media complete freedom to report when they come to China," Beijing organizing committee vice-president Wang Wei pledged at a press conference then.

But even before these Games have begun, many say that promise has already been broken.

Recently, Human Rights Watch lambasted the Chinese government for obstructing and threatening foreign journalists — and their sources — in violation of continued pledges to ensure press freedom.

In a scathing 71-page report, the human rights watchdog documented in detail how foreign correspondents in China face harassment and intimidation by "government officials or their proxies" when they pursue stories that embarrass authorities, expose wrongdoing or document social unrest.

The effects of violating those pledges "will linger long after the last athletes have left Beijing," the organization's Sophie Richardson warned.

But that warning went unheeded. China's Olympic organizers have now gone one step further.

Reports indicate they intend to restrict live broadcasts from Beijing's Tiananmen Square during the Olympic period to two narrow time slots per day: 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. till 11 p.m., local time.

Authorities want to keep a tight rein on Tiananmen. They fear it could become a focal point for potential protests.

But some observers were never persuaded by the promises of press freedom in the first place.

"I don't think complete freedom is possible," says Li Datong, the former editor of a leading government paper who is now one of China's most insightful commentators.

"If nothing happens and you go out and do normal reporting on the Games, obviously you're going to enjoy 'complete freedom.' Who is going to restrain sports reporting? But if something happens, like a protest — there's going to be a problem."

In Beijing the possibility of protests seems to grow slimmer by the day as security in and around the city continues to tighten.

Last week a cordon of checkpoints was established around Beijing.

Weeks ago a security force of 100,000 was put on alert inside the capital.

And still the potential for protest remains a Chinese leadership obsession — a nightmare waiting in the wings.

That's not because protests never happen. Tens of thousands of protests and riots occur in China every year. But the Chinese government keeps such tight control on the domestic media that few protests ever get reported.

The government's obsession is due to the arrival of 25,000 additional foreign journalists and the likelihood that any protest will be beamed instantly around the world — and the Chinese government would lose face.

"International media coverage is mainly about mianzi (face)," explains Li.

And so are these Games.

But if there are protests, they'll be covered.

Veteran journalist Sandy MacIntyre, who directs news for APTN, the television network of The Associated Press, says he doubts restrictive measures will inhibit journalists from doing their job.

"We've signed up to be able to go anywhere and report anything," he said in an interview from New York, "and that's the way we intend to approach it on the ground."

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Car Payment, a constant presence as long as we can remember, finally passed. Car Payment was always there for us, in good times and not so good times.

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Car Payment is survived by the hourly car-sharing service named Zipcar.

In lieu of flowers, please visit zipcar.com/webvan

Versace to design interior of Clock Tower

Italian luxury brand Versace will design the interior renovation of New York's Clock Tower building on Madison Avenue. An exclusive club at the complex will be designed personally by the brand's figurehead Donatella Versace. REUTERS

Style

"Eight-eight per cent of women claim to suffer from frizz and fly-away hair."

Kelly Chapman, Goody senior brand manager

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Kings & Queens is a majestic collection of shower gels, body butters and body milks Inspired by decadent herbs and spices. Products range from $9.99 to $11.99. Available at Shopper's Drug Mart.

Pack festival staples

Style File

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ask kim

I'm going backpacking and I want to pack something light for when it rains. Do you know where I can go to buy this stuff?

I was just at Peak Performance and they have lightweight rain gear perfect for traveling. Their women's Flow jacket is light, waterproof thin so it can be easily stuffed into your backpack. They also carry baseball caps that are made out of a gortex so you won't need to pack an umbrella.

E-mail your style questions to *kim.elbo@metronews. ca.*

Vancouver's Kim Elbo has a passion for fashion. Here she shares the latest style tips.

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Shop: Blue Ruby
Address: Various Locations
blueruby.com

Army Essential
Designer: Miss Q Kit
Shop: BeautyMark
Address: 1120 Hamilton St.
beautymark.ca

Remix Hoodie
My Favourite
Designer: lululemon
Shop: lululemon
Address: Various locations
lululemon.com

Tassels
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Shop: Aldo
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Address: 1120 Hamilton St.
beautymark.ca

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Designer: Club Monaco
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psst... Mellinda-Mae Harlingten sample sale today July 25, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday July 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 126 W 6th Ave. Save 35 to 80 per cent on summer and winter garments.

accessory

Lucky for us our summer days are filled with music, food and street festivals almost every week. We all know what to wear to a festival (depending on the weather) but what is more important is what accessories to bring to a festival especially those three-day long festivals that are spent outdoors. Leave the designer sunglasses at home and buy a pair of inexpensive sunglasses, if you end up losing them, say in a mosh pit, it'll be no loss to your wallet. A utility knife is a must for any outdoor activity; bring the Miss Q one along for any beauty emergency. Remember summer days can get a bit chilly and a bit wet, bring a long a hoodie so you'll be ready for the worst. Reminisce the days of the summer with a festival T-shirt. Make sure you don't go home without one! $30 Whistler Music Festival

scarves

Scarves are encompassing all seasons. This summer scarves are bigger and brighter. Hues of coral, purples and pinks can all be seen in stores. Scarves pair well with just about anything; wear it as an accessory around the neck, tie it up in your hair or simply unfold it and use as a wraparound shawl for night time.

tip

Grass stains — Soak in a solution of cool water and a laundry product containing enzymes for at least 30 minutes. Don't use hot water, as it will coagulate the protein and make the stain more difficult to remove. *sheknows.com*

Don't frizz out this summer

VERONICA BOODHAN
for Metro Canada

Hot summer weather can be great for achieving a bronzy tan, but unfortunately it can also wreak havoc on your hair.

The high temperatures, humidity and over-processing of hair can all contribute to frizz, allowing flyaways and split ends to become more obvious.

While some brands are offering possible solutions to tame your hair, it can be difficult to know where to start.

Howard Barr, creative consultant for the John Frieda Collection, advises against sticking to one hair routine.

"You have to be prepared to change the formulation of what you use and experiment a little depending on the time of year or weather conditions."

The John Frieda Collection offers a line of products called Frizz-Ease. The line's newest products, Weather Works, are designed specifically to help hair from frizzing in extreme weather, especially in the summer.

The secret behind the Frizz-Ease line is the technology used in the products.

"Shielding technology is a formulated silicone barrier that reduces static and also provides a UV protection and basically coats the hair," says Barr.

While Frizz-Ease can help ignite your defense against frizz in the shower and before you begin styling, using the right tools can also help you with achieving your ideal look.

Goody offers a variety of different tools to help prevent and deal with frizzy hair.

"You have to be prepared to change the formulation of what you use ... depending on the time of year."
Howard Barr, creative consultant for the John Frieda Collection

For instance, Goody's Add Shine line has a brush that has jojoba oil infused into 10 per cent of the actual brush.

"It's kind of adding that natural oil back to your hair and in turn, helps defy frizz because the oil is keeping the hair tame and smooth," explains Kelly Chapman, senior brand manager at Goody.

Along with anti-frizz specific products/tools, experts advise getting regular trims to avoid summer hair humidity disasters.

By incorporating frizz-fighting ingredients into the products, women are able to continue their defense against frizz while styling their hair.

"Eight-eight per cent of women claim to suffer from frizz and fly-away hair, so whenever we come out with a product we always try to see if there is a way to address that," says Chapman.

To help maintain healthy hair all season, Charles Booth, hair stylist and founder of LaCoupe Hair Care Products, recommends getting regular haircuts to help fight frizz.

Combat heat with these suggestions:

1. **John Frieda Frizz-Ease Weather Works Weather-Proofing Shampoo and Conditioner** $9.99 each

2. **Goody Add + Shine Jojoba Oil Infused Brush** $6.49

3. **Goody StayPut elastics** $4.69

4. **Bain De Terre Recovery complex anti-frizz silky shine serum** 16.50/50ml

Designer's art collection up for grabs

The private art collection of French fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent and his partner Pierre Berge has been put up for auction and will be sold in February 2009, auction house Christie's said this week. REUTERS

Obama-inspired style

Vogue Italia editor discusses impetus of "Black Issue"

Vogue Italia editor Franca Sozzani says the spur for July's first-ever "Black Issue" of the fashion magazine came in part from Barack Obama's progress en route to becoming Democratic presidential candidate.

And partly because she wasn't impressed with the current crop of look alike models with no personality.

"America ... is ready for a black president, so why are we not ready for a black model?," Sozzani said in an interview with Reuters.

"I was in America on 'Super Tuesday.' Of course it influenced me in a way ... it was part of my general idea," she said.

That general idea became an issue featuring over 20 black models ranging from Naomi Campbell to relative newcomers such as Britain's Jourdan Dunn who takes pride of place on the cover.

Sozzani, who has been at Vogue Italia for 20 years, said she was also attracted by the strong personalities of the black models.

"At the moment, I really don't like any girls on the runway. They are all beautiful, amazing, long legs, beautiful eyes, but they all look alike," she said.

"No girl really impressed me. The only one was Liya Kebede, she's so elegant, she's so chic," Sozzani added, referring to the Ethiopian-born model who is also a goodwill ambassador for the World Health Organization.

The July issue also features a profile of Michelle Obama, wife of the presidential candidate, and interviews with director Spike Lee and Edmonde Charles-Roux, who quit as editor of Vogue Paris over a decision not to use a cover of black model Donyale Luna in June 1966.

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Suzanne Boyd, editor of Zoomer magazine, poses in her Toronto, Ont., office. Boyd recently reviewed the new Vogue Italia magazine, which features all black models.

Collector's item

- Gimmick or not, the July "Black Issue" of Vogue Italia is reaching collector's-item status. It features such legends as Naomi Campbell, Iman and Veronica Webb.

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Sozzani said she had a different experience for her issue over 40 years later and found no resistance.

"No, no (resistance) at all, not from the clients, not from the people, my chairman was enthusiastic from the beginning," she said.

Sozzani plans to use more black models in the future, but adds "I don't want to say every issue, every story should be with black girls, but we should have more."

The fashion business still uses few black models for advertising and even in the Black Issue's nearly 350 pages they appear in less than a handful of publicity shots.

Sozzani says she used her influence with some advertisers to persuade them to use black models.

"I know that they're already asking for more .. for shooting and I know that already some are thinking to use more even for the shows," she said, adding "but you never know what is in the minds of the designers." REUTERS

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The Bay, which was recently purchased by NRDC Equity Partners, will soon offer stores within it, such as Lord & Taylor.

Bay shoppers will have more upscale choices

"Americans, bless 'em, are brand-masters. Canadians are brand-shy and star-shy. This will help change that"
Robin Kay, president of L'Oréal Fashion Week

The Bay is getting a new wardrobe.

Shoppers at the stalwart department stores will soon have more upscale fashion brands to choose from after its recent purchase by NRDC Equity Partners, which also owns Lord & Taylor, Fortunoff and Creative Design Studios.

Robin Kay, president of L'Oréal Fashion Week, says the infusion of money, brands and marketing know-how will be good for the fashion industry. "Americans, bless 'em, are brand-masters. Canadians are brand-shy and star-shy. This will help change that," she says.

Part of the plan with some of the massive stores, which can cover 600,000 to 900,000 square feet, is to break them up into smaller units including a Lord & Taylor store and Fortunoff boutiques.

"Shoppers shop and love choice. This will provide more opportunities for Canadian designers," Kay says.

The Bay had already launched a style makeover under previous owner Jerry Zucker, who died three months ago, says Ceri Marsh, editor-in-chief of Fashion Magazine, citing the example of the introduction of Ralph Lauren boutiques.

A look at the brands carried by Lord & Taylor shows it firmly in "the bridge" category, Marsh says, adding she prefers the term contemporary. "It's not Prada but it's not H&M either," she says, citing Kenneth Cole and DKNY.

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One man

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It's an election year and everyone in Hollywood seems to have taken a frenzied interest, including Kevin Costner, who admits to being a political junkie. Costner stars in Swing Vote, in which a presidential election comes down to one man's vote.

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Death Cab For Cutie retune sound for Pemberton.

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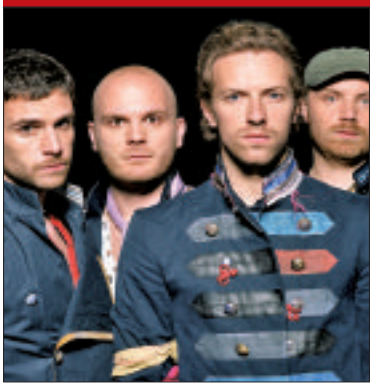

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Sat. 8 p.m. Scottish rock band Nazareth performs live. At Red Robinson Show Theatre, 2080 United Blvd. Tix: $39.50. Info: blvdcasino.com.
Sat. 8 p.m. New York band Les Savy Fav plays indie rock. At Commodore Ballroom, 868 Granville St. Tix: $21.50. Info: livenation.com.
Sat. 9 p.m. Taho Mina EP Release Party performing funky house, dance beats and old school. At Canvas Lounge, 99 Powell St. Tix: $20. Info: canvaslounge.ca.
Sun. 8 p.m. American singer-songwriter Nicole Atkins performs live. At The Plaza Nightclub, 881 Granville St. Tix: $12. Info: plazaclub.net.

Going out: Clubs

Fri. 9 p.m. DJ Kevin Scott spin mashups. At Caprice Nightclub, 967 Granville St. Tix: $15. Info: capricenightclub.com.
Fri. 9:30 p.m. DJs Relik and Remsta play hip hop, house and club. At Plush Nightclub, 750 Pacific Blvd. Tix: $20. Info: 604-669-8980.
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With the recent sunny weather, Kim Duess and I were off to one of our favourite summer destinations, Nitinaht Lake. Located just 50 kilometres west of Lake Cowichan, Nitinaht Lake sits right at the edge of the Ditidaht Aboriginal Village.

This quaint village sits amongst giant trees, and every sunny day brings in thermal winds that attract windsurfers and kite surfers from around North America.

As we arrived early Wednesday morning, the wind was already howling and we wasted no time in grabbing our smallest seven-metre North Kites and gear.

Kim was off first and she was instantly up and flying across the lake.

I was next — and the higher wind created huge waves, which I surfed back and forth all afternoon.

The water was warm and there was not a cloud in the sky as we sailed together for hours.

If you're interested in learning this awesome sport then check out Elevation Kiteboarding (www.elevationkiteboarding.com).

IKO instructor Marie Leclerc and her great staff will get you up and kiting in a couple of days.

The consistent wind, wicked camping and friendly atmosphere at Nitinaht make it ideal for learning.

Like any sport having the proper gear will make your time out on the water more productive, safer and fun.

Talk to Philippe at Airtime Boardsports (www.airtimeboardsports.com) in Vancouver and he will set you up with the ideal gear for you.

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Music

Changing gears for Pemberton

Death Cab For Cutie and Cut Chemist tweak sounds for festival crowd

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Death Cab for Cutie and Cut Chemist might come from different genres, but both Pemberton Festival performers tweaked their material to fit the festival atmosphere.

Death Cab guitarist and producer Chris Walla explained that at festivals, his detail-oriented band avoids studio-based intricacies, instead opting for a more visceral approach.

"We've always been a rocking, scrappy garage band on stage — we've never tried to get every detail in a live show," said Walla. "(Live,) our band is the same as when we started up 10 years ago: more like Superchunk and Sonic Youth than Coldplay … (Some songs) we can crack open and have fun with, while others stick to the script."

The band's new album, Narrow Stairs, lends itself particularly well to live shows. Described as harder rocking and darker than earlier discs like heart-on-its-sleeve, Grammy-nominated Plans, it was recorded with a minimum of overdubs.

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"With Plans we had weeks of studio time, just living at the computer," he said. "Narrow Stairs was a much more linear process, and it seemed to naturally move over to the stage."

Cut Chemist (Lucas MacFadden), who performs with DJ Shadow, had no such transitional luck. The Hard Sell, a turntable-based hip-hop chop session, is blended using tiny 45s, and reflects the duo's progressive musical philosophy. Chemist said a festival's diverse lineup helps when playing experimental music — a lesson he learned after facing down some unfriendly Shakira fans on a European tour.

"The Shakira show was a huge stage and venue … at its largest 30,000 people. It was the first show where I had to be as big as the stage," he said. "(I had to) get more overly animated and connect to a big audience … (and) the performance became such an overwhelming success."

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Cut Chemist, Lucas MacFadden and DJ Shadow, above, perform at this weekend's Pemberton Music Festival. Meanwhile, Death Cab for Cutie, left, tweaked their material to find a good fit for the Pemberton Music Festival.

That pressure to project also influenced The Hard Sell's Hollywood Bowl set, during which the pair played Metallica guitar solos using portable turntables strapped around their necks. Larger-than-life performance tricks also appear at festivals.

"It's all about context. The Hard Sell filled with a lot of different beats, so it takes patience to get into," he said. "(In Europe, promoters saw us and said) here are some DJs, let's put them with other DJs. But The Hard Sell is such an eclectic set — it doesn't fit with house music. Some people get us, some people don't."

"We've always been a rocking, scrappy garage band on stage — we've never tried to get every detail in a live show"
Chris Walla

Top rock tours take stamina

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I hate jet lag. I'm OK going west, but when I travel east, a gauzy curtain of confusion descends across my eyes and I turn into a burbling airhead for close to a week. I once flew non-stop from Singapore to New York — 19 hours — and by the time I tried to collect my luggage, I had lost the will to live. This is why I could never be in a major rock band.

At this moment, every member of Coldplay is losing their spot in the space-time continuum, something from which they won't recover from for at least twelve months.

Having flown from the U.K. to Chicago earlier this week to start their world tour — a shift of six time zones — the band is currently somewhere in transit to Philadelphia, putting them one hour closer to what they're used to in London. But by Sunday, they'll have shifted west three times zones — eight hours out of sync with home — for their gig at the Pemberton Festival.

Two days later, body clocks will be jerked back to EDT so they can play Montreal on Tuesday and Toronto Wednesday and Thursday.

By the time things wrap up in Boston on August 4th, they'll be dazed, confused and exhausted — just in time to fly nearly 11,000 kilometres (a 14-hour non-stop flight) for two festival appearances in Japan starting on the 9th. They'll have to summon the energy to perform in front of 80,000 people after disrupting their already ragged circadian rhythms by 13 hours.

Mercifully, Coldplay has two-and-a-half weeks to recover before a 23-date European fall tour which will involve resetting watches by no more than an hour. But by mid-October, they'll have to break out the melatonin again because they're scheduled for another coast-to-coast North American trek, including Ottawa on October 20. And before Chris can settle down with Gwyneth and the kids for Christmas, there are 15 more dates in the U.K. and Ireland.

Once the holidays are over, it's time to address the summer touring season in Australia and New Zealand, which means adjusting nine hours on the flight to Sydney. Once the Aussies and the Kiwis are sated, it'll be time for the 2009 festival circuit through the northern hemisphere.

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Coldplay play the Pemberton Festival this Sunday.

The good news is that at this stage of the game, no one is flying economy.

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Do you want to believe?

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The X-Files: I Want To Believe
Director: Chris Carter
Stars: David Duchovny, Gillian Anderson
Classification: 14A
Rating:

REVIEW I want to believe The X-Files series creator Chris Carter didn't make a bland, scattered version of Silence Of The Lambs. Tough luck for me.

You could call The X-Files: I Want To Believe an elongated rendering of what might have been an episode in the latter (and nuttier) days of the classic Emmy-winning 1990s series about two FBI investigators who explore the paranormal.

Ex-FBI agent Dana Scully (Gillian Anderson), now a full-time hospital surgeon, pulls her partner Fox Mulder (Duchovny) out of exile to track the case of a missing agent. Helping them is Father Joe (Billy Connolly), a pedophile priest who sniffs out severed body parts and crime scenes for the bureau with his questionable psychic abilities. Mulder recognizes the key to solving the case is to put faith in the disgraced clergyman, while Scully takes an immediate dislike to him, refusing to accept any of his input. Essentially, they use the insight of a criminal to catch criminals.

It's a path beaten long before by a much better movie. You almost expect a scene where the villain tells one of their soon-to-be victims that "it rubs the lotion on its skin or else it gets the hose again."

I Want To Believe is presented in classic X-Files fashion: Mulder and Scully deliver Carter's over-the-top dialogue with their trademark anemia. Subplots are tied thematically to the main story in only the most superficial way, serving to muddy the pacing and continuity (The ethical dilemma of Scully operating on a terminally ill child being an example). And, much like the male host of Polka Dot Door who routinely misses the Polkaroo in every episode, Mulder damns the government, yet again, for covering up supernatural facts of a case — Oh that poor, naïve Mulder, won't he ever learn?

Now I could be wrong, but the real enigma is the reason why Carter would resurrect a series six years after its finale that, as gripping and suspenseful as it was in its heyday, doesn't seem to be too terribly missed.

That said, the film might just be a fun night out for an X-Phile, a chance to roll out with old friends to solve a creepy mystery.

Mulder and Scully (David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson) are back in The X-Files: I Want To Believe, opening this weekend.

Ferrell and Reilly strike again

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Step Brothers
Director: Adam McKay
Stars: Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly
Classification: 14A
Rating:

John C. Reilly re-teams with Will Ferrell in Step Brothers.

REVIEW Either you're a fan of Will Ferrell or you're not. There really isn't much middle ground for the puerile brand of insanity he delivers. That said, if there's one person who can at least pull that off time and again, it's him.

In Step Brothers, Ferrell is ramping it up by re-teaming with his Talladega Nights co-star John C. Reilly and writer/director Adam McKay in perhaps his most infantile premise yet. Ferrell plays Brennan, a 39-year-old slacker who still lives at home with his enabling mom (Mary Steenburgen). After she meets and marries Robert (Richard Jenkins), Brennan finds himself sharing a house with a new dad and his 40-something son Dale (John C. Reilly). Every bit Brennan's immature equal, the new step brothers square off like tantrum-filled toddlers.

However, the pair soon begin to bond over their quest to form a musical dynasty called Prestige Worldwide (Dale finds Brennan's singing voice to be a cross between "Fergie and Jesus" after all) and the duo are forced to break free of their dependency. Yes, it's stupid, but part of the reason it works is because, like most Ferrell films, you don't know where the script ends and the improvisation begins. Silly as it is, he's master of the ridiculous. Ultimately, it's a predictable film but if you find Pablo Cruise tour T-shirts and Star Wars-obsessed baby men funny, Step Brothers won't disappoint.

Jack Brooks a fun ride

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Jack Brooks: Monster Slayer
Director: Jon Knautz
Stars: Trevor Matthews, Rachel Skarsten
Classification: STC
Rating:

REVIEW Be honest: You love to watch something that deserves to actually get schmucked. And when the schmucking is being done by a charismatic, everyday person like yourself, it's all the more satisfying. That's Jack Brooks: Monster Schmucker. Slayer.

Ottawa director Jon Knautz is a self-confessed '80 horror-movie fanatic, fun flicks that combined thrills with laughs.

Jack Brooks is a playful sendup of that genre. If you enjoy those movies, you'll enjoy this. Trevor Matthews stars as Jack, and convinces as an anger-unmanaged-plumber-cum-monster slayer. He's a natural on camera, easy to watch like your buddy at the neighbourhood pub is easy to talk to.

If you're looking for a groundbreaking spin on the horror-humour genre, Jack Brooks isn't it.

But it's a fun ride with solid performances throughout.

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The land of the quirk

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Just Buried
Director: Chaz Thorne
Stars: Jay Baruchel, Rose Byrne
Classification: 14A
Rating:

Jay Baruchel and Rose Byrne need clients for a funeral home in the Nova Scotia-filmed dark comedy Just Buried, opening today.

REVIEW We're at sea for a few moments at the start of Chaz Thorne's Just Buried. Not literally, of course — the movie is set firmly inland, where two men are driving down rural roads and small towns to a funeral.

We don't know who they are, or their relation, but it gets slowly, casually teased out that they're brothers, and that one of them is a priest. The other — Jay Baruchel's Oliver — isn't really much of anything, but by the time the will is read after their father's funeral he's the owner of a failing funeral home and the employer of Graham Greene's jack-of-all-trades and Rose Byrne's Roberta, a pretty young thing with altogether too much enthusiasm for her mortician's trade.

Awkward Oliver is flattered when Rose starts an affair with him, so it doesn't take much convincing for him to help her start pulling in more trade for their failing business by creating new clients.

But it won't end well, we know, if only because of Oliver's peanut allergy, helpfully underlined for us early in the story.

Filmed on location in Nova Scotia, Just Buried takes place firmly in the land of quirk, where motivations are either obscure or unaccountable, murder is a punch line to a painstakingly manufactured joke, and the ending, no matter how comically bleak, lost its emotional resonance an hour previous in the thicket of barely connected characters whose only purpose was to channel the story to the punch line.

A hothouse of unholy passions

ADAM NAYMAN
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The Last Mistress
Director: Catherine Breillat
Stars: Asia Argento, Fu'ad Ait Attou
Classification: 18A
Rating:

REVIEW The Last Mistress is being marketed as a costume drama, but with noted provocatrix Catherine Breillat at the helm, it's no surprise the clothes end up crumpled on the floor at regular intervals. The film, adapted from a 19th-century novel by Amédée Barbey d'Aurevilly, takes a cool tone in depicting the French aristocracy as a hothouse of unholy passions; the unholiest roller of them all is La Vellini, the Spanish-Italian mongrel/courtesan played by Asia Argento.

Introduced in repose and habitually horizontal throughout the rest of the film, Vellini is well-accustomed to getting what she wants. Upon learning that her longtime lover Ryno (Fu'ad Ait Attou) is to take a bride, she resolves to stand by her man — whether he likes it or not. Argento, who has emerged as one of the most interesting actresses around, is ideally cast, even if the frequent references to Vellini's "homeliness" seem ridiculous.

Unfortunately, The Last Mistress falters in the last reel, with a would-be bittersweet ending that, while perfectly well-prepared for dramatically, is unsatisfying — and not in the way it's supposed to be.

The Last Mistress

A worthy revisit of Brideshead

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Brideshead Revisited
Director: Julian Jarrold
Stars: Matthew Goode, Hayley Atwell
Classification: 14A
Rating:

"Jarrold's adaptation of Evelyn Waugh's novel might not unfold as expansively as it did in print ... but it has far more dignity than we have been led to believe."

REVIEW If the trailer for Brideshead Revisited has put you off the film, rest assured it's not the overcooked melodrama its publicity has strived so artlessly to make it appear. Jarrold's adaptation of Evelyn Waugh's novel might not unfold as expansively as it did in print — or in the landmark 1981 miniseries that launched the careers of Jeremy Irons or Anthony Andrews — but it has far more dignity than we have been led to believe.

The memory of the miniseries will linger for those who have seen it, and without many hours to tell the story, Jarrold has been forced to make elisions, cutting or diminishing delicious characters, and giving new motivation to others. His movie has pared back the story to a romantic triangle between three characters — Matthew Goode's Charles, a yearning young man desperate for a larger view of life, Sebastian (Ben Whishaw), the aristocrat and aesthete he meets on his first day at Oxford, and Julia (Hayley Atwell), his beautiful sister. The real story of Brideshead Revisited — the enduring and tortured Catholicism of Sebastian and his family — subsides for much of the movie before it flares up again at the end, as it should, at a climax whose full significance Jarrold does understand.

Enjoy this Wackness

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The Wackness
Director: Jonathan Levine
Stars: Josh Peck, Ben Kingsley
Classification: 14A
Rating:

REVIEW There's a triangle connecting the three main characters in Jonathan Levine's The Wackness, though it isn't love that they share, but high-grade weed.

Luke (Josh Peck) was a self-described zero in high school, neither popular nor a loser, though his dubious cachet as a pot dealer is probably the only thing that's kept him from tipping down the teenage social precipice.

In the summer, between graduation and university, he finds himself falling for former classmate Stephanie (Olivia Thirlby), the stepdaughter of Dr. Squires (Ben Kingsley), one of his best customers, a psychiatrist whose own audacious array of problems are probably best kept from his patients.

Luke has been trading weed for analysis, but he and the older man suddenly start developing a bond when Stephanie, alone in the city for the summer and flattered by Luke's awkward but ardent crush, decides to hang out with him as he goes on his rounds, dealing baggies of grass from an ice cream cart.

Peck perfectly captures the lumpen mannerisms of a teenage boy, and the easily bruised emotions that lie just beneath the fragile bravado and relentless slang.

Thirlby is just as good as Stephanie, perfectly embodying the sort of girl most boys fall for — full of the luminescent self-confidence that comes with a slight but precarious edge in emotional maturity over any boy the same age.

Their summer dalliance is believable, and its outcome inevitable, though only she seems to have any inkling of that fact.

As Squires, Kingsley has a harder job keeping the older man from coming off as too creepy or perverse, and salvaging whatever sympathy we might have for a man whose years or success have barely given him anything but a veneer of maturity compared to Luke.

Squires is still a boy, and hanging around with Luke gives him the licence he craves to act his mental age, with predictably disastrous results.

Levine's film is exactly the sort of small but well-observed essay on relationships that indie films should be, and not merely some glorified demo reel made to attract a studio gig; enjoy its modest virtues while you can, as this sort of film is becoming rare, possibly even extinct, in the grim economics of the movie biz.

Ben Kingsley stars in The Wackness, an indie film set in New York City circa 1994.

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Actors revisit Brideshead

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FEATURE Hayley Atwell and Matthew Goode roll their eyes — politely — when I bring up the miniseries made of Evelyn Waugh's Brideshead Revisited in the early '80s. The actors are playing roles once considered owned by Diana Quick and Jeremy Irons when the series became a sensation, spawning fashion collections evocative of Oxford's bright young things between the wars, making the sexually ambiguous fop an '80s social stereotype, and kick starting a Waugh revival.

"I'd seen it," says Goode, who plays Charles Ryder, an ambitious young artist who falls into the luxurious clutches of an aristocratic Catholic family. "I was given it as a gift five years previous — quite prophetically, by my agent, who said it was the best thing, one of the best dramas ever so you should learn from it. I'd (also) read the book when I was 12."

Atwell says she was only one when the series first aired, and she made a firm decision not to watch the show while preparing for her role as Julia Flyte, the lovely but conflicted debutante. "I'd been given Diana Quick's blessing," she adds.

"We had a mutual friend who came and told me that she said 'Good luck,' which was great."

"I've got a baritone voice and I'm a thin streak of piss like Jeremy Irons and we're both playing the same part," Goode says. "I don't think you can say anything more than that, really."

Atwell, who was last seen in Woody Allen's Cassandra's Dream, says costume dramas like Brideshead have their challenges, but make up for it with unique advantages that help actors create their characters. "What always helps in anything period is costume and setting. We were given Castle Howard as our playground to work with as Brideshead, and that is a very strong character in that sort of thing. Because of that it was much easier to inhabit that world and breathe life into it. You just feel differently, you walk differently. "

Costner gets political

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FEATURE Kevin Costner admits the premise on which Swing Vote is based might be far-fetched, but nearly everything else that happens after Costner's character becomes the one man in the whole of the United States whose vote will decide the outcome of a presidential election is plausible. The reality of the situation hits home during a montage scene of political pundits from across the cable spectrum, weighing in on Costner's hapless Bud, with HBO's Bill Maher letting loose with his usual scorn.

"I actually pulled for Bill Maher to be in the movie," Costner tells me, "because I think he's one of our smartest guys, to be honest, I do. I don't feel he's always right about stuff, but I think he's on point about a lot of things, and I felt that he has that acidic look at it."

It's an election year, and everyone in Hollywood seems to have taken aside,

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Kevin Costner

and while Costner admits to being a political junkie, he says he's loathe to get on a soapbox.

"We're dependent on these guys and women to lay their egos down and sometimes take our country in a tough direction," Costner says about politicians. "Not the easiest direction, a tough direction. And often they don't do it — they can't do it. They can't lay their ego down. They can't be satisfied with just serving one term, doing the right thing, knowing that so many enemies will be made that they won't be re-elected."

The presidential candidates in Swing Vote, played by Kelsey Grammer and Dennis Hopper, aren't the villains — that role goes to their campaign managers and spin doctors, played by Stanley Tucci and Nathan Lane, who put the pressure on their candidates to ignore their conscience and do whatever it takes.

"Listen, I have handlers out there," Costner says. "They could be sitting in here, but I don't let them. What happens sometimes is people allow the people that are in your ear a lot to be in your ear so much that you don't really know who you are anymore. They have too much influence in your life, but they're doing it for the right reasons. There's a very good scene between Stanley and Kelsey where Kelsey asks, 'What are we about?' And he says 'Winning.' You see Kelsey at that moment — he's formidable. He's not a dumbbell, and he says I don't like the direction where we're going."

Carroll on Costner

• Madeline Carroll, 12, gives a standout performance as Kevin Costner's daughter in Swing Vote, stealing the film as the frustrated conscience of a man too lazy to vote but quickly becomes the one man two presidential candidates have to win over to get a shot at the White House. A veteran despite her years, with a resumé that includes episodes of Lost, Cold Case and Night Stalker as well as a role in the last Resident Evil film, Carroll says she was more than familiar with Costner before getting the role in Swing Vote. "My three brothers and I all love Waterworld." The actress says she's happy to be working when many young actors are getting juicy parts in high-profile picture. She hopes, however, that writers and producers will keep in mind the age of the kids they're casting, and stick with appropriate material.

"We shouldn't have to talk dirty and stuff like that. We're just kids."

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Levine sticks to what he knows in his new film, The Wackness

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Jonathan Levine

FEATURE Director Jonathan Levine probably could have saved a lot of money if he'd opted for setting The Wackness, his coming-of-age film starring Ben Kingsley and Josh Peck, in the here and now instead of in the New York of the early '90s, when Rudolph Giuliani was cracking down on crime and hip hop was going mainstream with acts like A Tribe Called Quest and De La Soul. The 30-year-old director insists, though, the setting is essential to his story, and his ability to write it.

"Basically I started out with the 'write what you know' adage in my head," Levine tells me, "and if I tried to write a coming-of-age film for kids in 2008 I would have gotten it all wrong — I just don't know what they do, with their Facebooking and MySpacing and whatever they do. So that was the first reason, and when I started writing it I started infusing it with more and more of my own personal memories from the time, and the biggest thing was that the Giulianification of New York was such a good allegory for what these two people are trying to figure out as far as their own existential dilemmas, and beyond that I just wanted to use a bunch of the music from the time because I liked it.

"It was very specific to this person that it was a time when hip hop was crossing over into white, suburban culture, and I think the spirit of hip hop was something (Josh Peck's Luke) latches onto — it's the music of his rebellion. And for me that was a very defining time, so I guess I wanted to have a character who was defining himself in these hip-hop terms but wasn't a one-dimensional human being. For me, also at the time New York was — I don't want to sound like an old curmudgeon — but a much more vibrant world. There were these different subcultures bumping up against each other, and there was Giuliani trying to enforce these laws that pissed people off, and you couldn't go anywhere without people complaining about Giuliani."

Like almost any coming-of-age story, The Wackness is suffused with a melancholy spirit that Levine says is unavoidable with youth, like Luke, in the grey area between their teen years and adulthood.

"I think it's a combination of things — melancholy or bittersweet, it's kind of a fine line between the two. It's like a combination of, 'This is a very difficult time for me,' mixed with, 'This is the only time I'm gonna be this young and innocent.' It's about this perpetual loss that keeps going on, whether it's a loss of innocence or a loss of youth. That's not always a happy thing — it's kind of a bummer. But at the same time there are important lessons. I hope (my movie) is more bittersweet than melancholy, but it's a dark place to go. The good thing is that when you're young is that it washes off your back in a way that it doesn't when you're older."

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Movie **morsels**

The Dark Knight

REVIEW The follow-up to Batman Begins definitely takes the caped crusader down a darker path. When the psychopathic villain The Joker (played by the late Heath Ledger) terrorizes Gotham City, Batman (Christian Bale) is tangled in a moral struggle. People will flock to this film (and rightly so) because Christopher Nolan creates a stunning visual masterpiece and captures mesmerizing performances by Bale and Ledger.

Space Chimps

REVIEW Ham III, the computer-generated hero of Space Chimps, which is voiced by Saturday Night Live's Andy Samberg, is sure to get a lot of laughs. His grandfather was a famous chimp astronaut, and Ham III hasn't come close to living up to his family's legacy. He is a circus chimp who gets fired out of a cannon. But when Ham III gets recruited to lead an important space mission, he gets his chance to make his mark. What follows is a predictable but entertaining story.

Jim Reyno/Metro Canada

Reel Times

Old rebels, new cause

Documentary captures CSNY's political hurricane

IAN NATHANSON
for Metro Canada

The initial aim of Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young's 2006 Freedom Of Speech concert tour was, from Neil Young's perspective, supposed to prompt discussion about, and perhaps even question, America's involvement in the Iraq war.

The concerts prominently featured material from Living With War, the Canadian-born rock legend's solo effort released in May of that year.

But were audiences prepared to listen to their favourite quartet from the late 1960s rail against George W. Bush and the war in Iraq in song form? From the concertgoers' perspective, cuts such as Flags Of Freedom, Shock And Awe and Let's Impeach The President didn't exactly inspire singalongs in the same vein as CSNY's hippie-era anthems Teach Your Children, Our House or even Ohio, Young's reactionary protest over the 1970 Kent State shootings.

Neil Young

"The idea of the whole project was just to stimulate debate," Young tells USA Today.

But as documented in the film CSNY: Déjà Vu, directed under Young's pseudonym Bernard Shakey and co-written with veteran U.S. broadcast journalist Mike Cerre, crowds were debating less about song subject matter, leaning more toward feeling if David Crosby, Stephen Stills, Graham Nash and Young had lost their collective minds.

Most notably disgusted were fans in Atlanta caught on camera flipping their middle fingers to the group and vocally upset that their expected night out hearing CSNY's greatest hits spiralled into perceived songform preaching. Through narrators reading concert reviews, one critic pointedly slammed, "I don't want to be told how to think by four aging hippies." Another believed CSNY wasn't interested in free speech, "just the kind they believe in."

"I don't want to be told how to think by four hippies."
Concert critic

"We were aware of (the negative reaction), and we could see it," Young explains to Rolling Stone of one of the film's high points. "It was (particularly) intense in Georgia. It was not a good time."

He adds that throughout the tour the band was also ambushed with "death threats and bomb-sniffing dogs and everything every night." Surprisingly, Young's bandmates barely buckled under the pressure.

"Those guys were into (that tour) 100 per cent," Young mentions to Billboard. "They agreed with the songs, and they wanted to sing 'em."

Director unleashes fun side of horror

JIM REYNO
Metro Canada

If you take your shrieks of terror with gales of laughter, Jack Brooks is your man.

"I like horror films because I think they're so much fun," said Jon Knautz, the Ottawa filmmaker who co-wrote and directed Jack Brooks: Monster Slayer.

Jon Knautz

"I have a good time when I'm watching them. It's exciting … you go through a little ride."

Jack Brooks, which opens in Toronto, Vancouver, Ottawa and Montreal today, is a throwback to a, um, kinder, gentler era for horror flicks.

"There was that craze in the '80s, where it was the Evil Dead movies, Gremlins and Nightmare on Elm Street that weren't just tortuous, they got a little bit more creative," said Knautz.

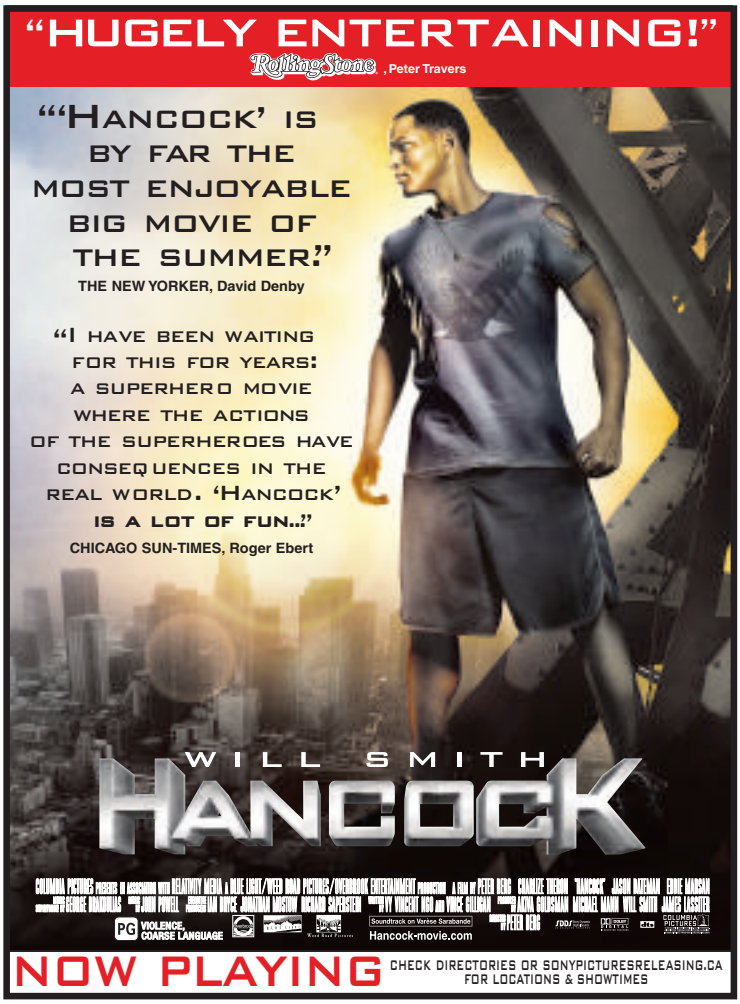
Jack Brooks is the story of a young plumber with a bad temper, girlfriend problems and a troubled childhood. He eventually confronts his past — with a vengeance.

Jack unknowingly awakens an ancient, evil heart when working on the rusted pipes of his night school professor, played by Robert Englund.

That's Freddy Krueger to you, from the Nightmare on Elm Street films.

"We were like, 'Let's shoot for the top right off the bat,'" said Knautz.

"Let's get the guy who played Freddy Krueger. He'll work as a genre icon."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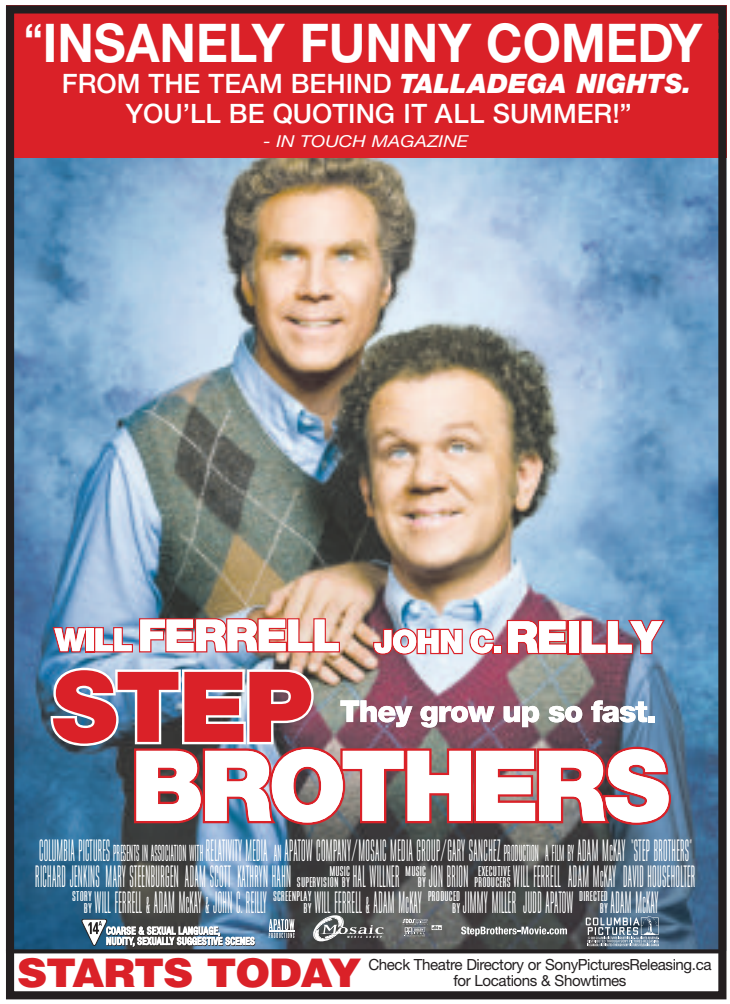
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Space Chimps (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:35-2:45-4:55-7:05-9:15 No Passes Mon-Wed 12:35-2:45-4:55-9:15 No Passes Thu 12:35-2:45-4:55-9:15-11:20
Step Brothers (14A) No Passes Thu 12:01-12:02
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-1:10-1:55-2:50-4:30-5:25-7:7:50-9:30-10:25

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10 Questions for the Dalai Lama (STC) Sun 8:30 Tue 7
Blindsight (STC) Fri 8:30 Tue 8:45 Wed 8:30
Herbert's Hippopotamus: A Story About Revolution in Paradise (STC) Thu 7
McLuhan's Wake (STC) Thu 9
The Unwinking Gaze (STC) Fri 7 Sun 7 Mon 9 Wed 7

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri 7-10 Sat-Sun 1-4-7-10 Mon-Thu 7-10

North Shore

ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

The Dark Knight (14A) Dolby Stereo Fri-Thu 12-12:15-1-3:15-3:30-4:30-6:35-6:50-8-9:55-10:10
Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4-7-9:30
Journey to the Center of the Earth 3D (PG) Digital Presentation, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:50-4:20-7:10-9:20
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:10-7:15-9:35

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:50-5:7:30-9:50
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:40-9:40
Kung Fu Panda (G) Fri-Thu 3-7-9:10
Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30
Meet Dave (G) Fri-Wed 1 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Space Chimps (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-2:40-4:50-7:15-9:20
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:10-6:50-9:45

Richmond

RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri 3:30-6:45-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:15-3:30-6:45-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-6:45-10
Hancock (PG) Fri 5-7:25-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:25-2:45-5-7:25-9:50 Mon-Thu 5-7:25-9:50
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri 3:50-7:10-9:55 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:50-7:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:10-9:55
Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri 3:45-7:05-9:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-3:45-7:05-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:45-7:05-9:45
WALL-E (G) Fri 4-7-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:35-4-7-9:35 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:35
Wanted (18A) Fri 3:40-7:15-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:40-7:15-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:40-7:15-10:05

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14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 11:30-12:45-3-4-6:30-7:30-10:30-10:45 No Passes Sun 11-11:30-2:30-3-6-6:30-9:45-10:30 No Passes Mon-Wed 11:30-12:45-3-4-6:30-7:30-10:30-10:45 No Passes Thu 11:30-12:45-3-4-6:30-7:30-10:30-11:15 No Passes Fri-Sat 11-2:30-6-9:45 No Passes Sun 12:45-4-7:30-10:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 11-2:30-6-9:45
The Dark Knight: The IMAX Experience (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-3:30-7-10:15
Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:45-6:50-9:45
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 11:25-2-4:25-7:05-7:35-10-10:30
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri 12:05-12:35-3:50-4:20-7-7:30-10:10-10:40 Sat-Thu 12:05-12:35-3:50-4:20-7-7:40-10:10-10:40
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:50-6:45-9:50
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-6:45-9:40
Kung Fu Panda (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:40-5:15-7:45-10:05
Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-1:15-3:45-4:15-7-7:30-10-10:30
Meet Dave (G) Fri-Sat 11:10-1:40-4:35 Sun 11:10-1:40 Mon-Thu 11:10-1:40-4:35
Space Chimps (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:50-2:05-4:30-6:55-9:15
WALL-E (G) Fri-Wed 11:05-11:45-1:30-2:15-4:15-4:55-7:25-10 Thu 11:45-2:15-4:15-4:55-7:25-10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:20-7:20-10:20
WWE: Great American Bash (STC) Sun 5

Burnaby

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri 4-7-9:55 Sat-Sun 1-4-4-7-9:55 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:55
WALL-E (G) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 2-4:30-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7:10:30 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-4:10-7:40-11
Get Smart (PG) Fri-Wed 12:25-3:35-7:10-10:15
Thu 12:25-3:35-7:10
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:45-5:30-8-10:50
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:50-7:20-10:20
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:45-5:30-8-10:20
Kung Fu Panda (G) Fri-Sat 12:40-3:40-7:15-9:50 Sun 12:40-9:50 Mon-Thu 12:40-3:40-7:15-9:50
Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-7:30-10:30
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:35-5:15-7:45-10:20
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:45-7:05-9:55
WWE: Great American Bash (STC) Sun 5

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri 3:40 Sat-Sun 1-3:40 Mon-Thu 3:40
Hancock (PG) Fri 3:45-5:45-7:45-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:35-3:45-5:45-7:45-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:45-5:45-7:45-9:45
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri 3:55-6:35-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:55-6:35-9:15 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:35-9:15
The Incredible Hulk (14A) Fri 4:10-6:50-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:25 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:50-9:25
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri 3:50-6:25-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:05-3:50-6:25-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:25-9:10
Meet Dave (G) Fri 4:15-7:05-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:15-7:05-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:05-9:35
Sex and the City (18A) Fri-Thu 6:20-9
Space Chimps (G) No Passes Fri 4-5:50-7:50-9:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:30-4-5:50-7:50-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 4-5:50-7:50-9:40

New West/ Coquitlam

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Mon 11-11:30-12-12:30-2:30-3-3:30-4-6-6:30-7-7:30-9:30-10-10:30-11 No Passes Tue 11-11:30-12-12:30-2:30-3-3:30-4-6-6:30-7-7:30-9:30-10-10:35-11 No Passes Wed 11-11:30-12-12:30-2:30-3-3:30-4-6-6:30-7-7:30-9:30-10-10:30-11 No Passes Thu 11-11:30-12-12:30-2:30-3-3:30-4-6-6:30-7-7:30-9:30-10-10:35-11
Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 2-5-7:50-10:45
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:15-6:15-7:30-9-9:55
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Thu 12:25-1-3:20-4-6:40-7:10-9:40-10:10
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri 1:05-3:55-7:10:05 Sat-Thu 1:05-3:55-7:10
Iron Man (PG) Fri-Thu 7:40-10:40
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:45
Kung Fu Panda (G) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:40-5:15-7:35-9:55
Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7:15-10:15 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-3:20-6:45-9:40
Meet Dave (G) Fri-Thu 11:55-2:45-5:10
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Space Chimps (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:35-1:50-4:05-6:35-9:10
WALL-E (G) Fri-Mon 11-11:45-1:30-2:15-4:10-4:55-7:15-10:15 Tue 11:45-2:15-4:10-4:55-7:15-10:15 Wed-Thu 11-11:45-1:30-2:15-4:10-4:55-7:15-10:15 Star & Strollers Tue 1
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:45-9:30
WWE: Great American Bash (STC) Sun 5

Surrey/White Rock/Langley

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5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri-Sat 2-7-9:45 Sun-Thu 2-7

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30
The Incredible Hulk Fri-Thu 12-2:15-7-9:15
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:30-7:10-9:30
Iron Man (PG) Fri-Thu 4:30
Sex and the City (18A) Fri-Thu 9:10
You Don't Mess With the Zohan (14A) Fri-Thu 4:45

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-12:30-3:30-4-7-7:30-10:30-10:45
Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 2:20-4:50-7:20-10:05
Hancock Fri-Thu 12:40-2:55-5:15-7:45-10:10
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:40-6:50-9:40
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:40-5:05-7:25-9:45
Kismat Konnection (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri-Thu 1-4:20-7:50
Kung Fu Panda (G) Fri-Thu 12:05
Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10
Meet Dave (G) Fri-Thu 1:20
Space Chimps (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-2:30-4:40-7:10-9:20
Thoda Pyaar Thoda Magic (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri-Sat 3:50-7:05 Sun 9 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:05
WALL-E (G) Fri-Mon 12:10-2:35-5:7:35-9:55 Tue 5-7:35-9:55 Wed-Thu 12:10-2:35-5-7:35-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening Tue 1
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:05-6:45-9:30
WWE: Great American Bash (STC) Sun 5

Eva Las Vegas

Desperate Housewives star Eva Longoria Parker is reportedly expanding her nightlife empire, with a new hotspot in Las Vegas. The actress's Los Angeles restaurant Beso is such a hit, she's in talks to create a second branch in Sin City. IMDB.COM

TV

Kreskin goes mental for reality project

The Amazing Kreskin is developing a reality TV show in which he'll help police with unsolved investigations.

The project, POI: Persons of Interest, follows thought-reader Kreskin as he assists law enforcement in gathering information that could help solve open missing-persons or criminal cases.

Kreskin and his partner on the show, producer Katy Wallin, are shopping the half-hour series to cable networks and already have shot a pilot in which the mentalist helps solve a case involving Scott Javins, a college student from Indiana who disappeared in 2002.

"POI is not fiction and stars the real mentalist."
Producer Katy Wallin

Wallin, who said POI has been in development for more than a year, noted the similarities with CBS's new police procedural drama The Mentalist, which joins the network's schedule in the fall at 9 p.m. Tuesdays.

That series stars Simon Baker as a celebrity psychic who puts his observational skills to better use working for law enforcement.

"There's an uncanny similarity between our pilot and the forthcoming CBS series The Mentalist, Wallin said.

"There is one basic and major difference: POI is not fiction and stars the real mentalist."

Kreskin, who recently has been serving as a consultant to law enforcement and security personnel, created the project with Indiana state investigator John Kleiman. Kreskin said the project is "a great chance to bring closure to families who need it."

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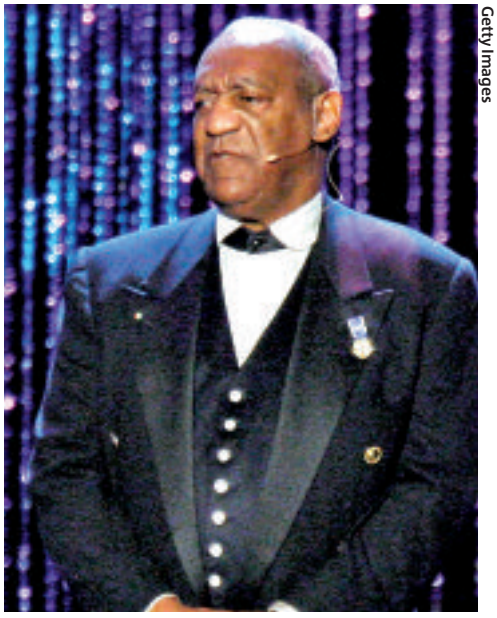
Kreskin, who will use his thought-reading skills to help police solve missing-person and criminal cases, says the reality show is " a great chance to bring closure to families who need it."



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Veteran comedian Bill Cosby, performing in February 2008, has no recollection of barring Terence Howard from his show.

Crash star crushed by Cosby's snub

Comic denies incident

Veteran funnyman Bill Cosby is reportedly furious Terrence Howard has blamed The Cosby Show for almost destroying his career.

Howard landed his first acting part in the legendary comedy show in 1988 — but he was sacked before any of his scenes were aired.

The Crash star claims he was so angry that his scenes were cut, he confronted the show's star and producer Cosby, who he claims subsequently blacklisted him in the entertainment business.

But Cosby denies almost ruining the star's acting career, saying he does not recall the incident.

He says, "I don't like something being out there that I know for sure isn't true.

"There's no person that I know of that I've ever felt strongly enough to call and say, 'If this guy calls, don't book him again.

"Somewhere, there's something missing. And that is somebody saying either I never said those things, or, I'm sorry.

And it's taking too long. And these blogs go out, man. I don't want people looking at Bill Cosby talking about, 'I had people barred.' It just gets too far out."

IMDB.COM

Much to air MTV Awards

JONAS BROTHERS MuchMusic says it will be the only place in Canada to air the 2008 MTV Video Music Awards live on Sept. 7.

The 25th annual spectacle will be notable for the performance of sensations the Jonas Brothers.

The host, presenters and other show performers will be announced at a later date.

Also notable, fans will have a say in the nomination process for the first time. Nominees for eight categories will be determined by an online vote by viewers from now throughout August.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Entertainment in brief

REAL IDOLS Canadian Idol has announced the first group of music stars who will mentor contestants on the singing competition and perform on the show. They include Bryan Adams, Simple Plan, Tom Jones and, in next week's "Unplugged" episode, former Bush frontman Gavin Rossdale, a.k.a. Mr. Gwen Stefani. Additional guests will be announced as the season progresses. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CLOONEY ER executive producer John Wells plans to ask George Clooney, who used to play Dr. Doug Ross on the medical show, to come back for its final episode, but he doubts Clooney will make it. Given the movie star and sometime director's schedule, the most Wells hopes for is that Clooney does some publicity for the finale, Wells told TV critics at the Television Critics Association tour. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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A heartbreaking business

Kelsey Grammer has blamed pressure from his cancelled sitcom Back To You for contributing to his recent heart attack. The actor, 53, was rushed to the hospital in May after suffering a heart attack in Hawaii. IMDB.COM

TV

Simon wins when reality judges judged

Co-star Paula Abdul was voted worst reality show judge; show wins kudos

TELEVISION SURVEY Simon Cowell's scathing critiques of American Idol contestants made him the favourite reality TV villain in America, but Paula Abdul was voted the worst reality judge in a poll released on Thursday.

Ratings juggernaut American Idol was judged the best reality show on U.S. television, ranked No. 1 by 33 per cent of viewers taking part in an AOL Television survey that drew more than 1.3 million votes.

Cowell drew 39 per cent of the vote for best reality TV villain.

The Fox network talent competition also took top place for the "hottest hookup," with 44 percent casting their vote for a liaison between 2008 Idol winner David Cook and former contestant Kimberly Caldwell, who were photographed together on a date.

Abdul, known for her emotional outbursts and as the kindest of the three judges on the "American Idol" panel, was chosen worst reality judge by 42 percent of voters.

Wannabes

- Only 14 per cent of survey respondents said they would audition for American Idol, which started tryouts for its eighth season last week.

"The Amazing Race" was the reality show most people polled wanted to take part in, garnering 32 percent of votes.

Long-running dating show The Bachelor appears to have lost the hearts of American viewers after 12 seasons. It placed first in the "SO over" category, with 43 per cent of voters.

But rapper Flavor Flav got some of the biggest thumbs down. His Flavor of Love dating show was voted the season's worst reality program (34 percent), the show that people would least like to go on (57 per cent), and the show with the scariest star (44 per cent).

Flavour of Love aired for three seasons on VH1 before ending its run in May.

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Comic book artist to head up online live-action series

ANGEL OF DEATH Veteran comic-book artist Ed Brubaker is spearheading an online live-action series.

Brubaker, whose credits include The Death of Captain America and Criminal, has been enlisted by Sony Pictures Television to produce Angel of Death.

Zoe Bell (Death Proof) will star as an assassin who turns against the individuals who hire her after a head wound causes her to feel haunted by her victims.

The series will run live on Sony-owned video hub Crackle.com.

Sony is eyeing Angel as an experiment in introducing a franchise to the DVD market after giving some of the content an online run.

The production budget for 10 short-form episodes of the series is $1 million, on the high end for online content.

REUTERS

Life of an artist

- Ed Brubaker was born in Bethseda, Md. in 1966 and now lives in Seattle. He has won several awards as a writer and a cartoonist.

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FRIDAY 7/25/08

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3	CBC	Coronation St.	Coronation St.	Air Farce Live	Comedy Fest	MVP-Lives of Hockey Wives		CBC News: The National (N)		(:05) The Hour
	255	358	6	CH	E News	The Insider	Mysteries	Mysteries	Dr. 90210 (CC)		20/20 (CC)		News (N)
	250	321	9	CTV	eTalk (CC)	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer (CC)		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Flashpoint (N) (CC)		News (N)
	252	336	11	GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	Very Bad Men (CC)		NUMB3RS "Burn Rate" (CC)		Friday Night Lights (CC)		News (N)
	256	389	12	VI	Degrassi	Friends (CC)	Funniest Home Videos		Duel (Season Finale) (N) (CC)		Jeff Ltd.	Bravo! Fact	News (N)
	253	359	13	CITY	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Bio.: Reese Witherspoon		Stargate SG-1 "Camelot"		The Collector "The Junkie"		Reviews
	-	-	14	CW	'70s Show	'70s Show	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) (CC)				Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15	CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Ghost Whisperer (CC)		NUMB3RS "Burn Rate" (CC)		Swingtown "Puzzlerama" (N)		News (N)
	287	379	16	NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Outrageous	Outrageous	Dateline NBC (CC)				News (N)
	288	380	21	ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Funniest Home Videos		Duel (Season Finale) (N) (CC)		20/20 (CC)		News (N)
	290	382	23	FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Anger Management ★★ (2003, Comedy) Adam Sandler.				News (N)	IQ Weekly	Family Guy
news	502	390	25	NW	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National		CBC News: the fifth estate		National
	500	500	53	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
family sports	407	419	22	RSP	Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Best Damn Sports Show		The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	50	TSN	CFL Football Montreal Alouettes at BC Lions. From BC Place Stadium in Vancouver. (CC)						ATP Tennis: Rogers Cup -- Quarterfinals		
	552	543	23	YTV	Chasing Liberty ★★ (2004) Mandy Moore, Matthew Goode.				(:15) The Next Star (CC)		(:15) Falcon Beach (CC)		(:15) 15/Love
	555	545	60	TEL	George	Merrie Melody	Loonatics	6teen	Total Drama	Futurama	Blade: Trinity ★★ (2004) Wesley Snipes. (CC)		
	268	354	5	KNO	Emily of New Moon (CC)		The Royal (CC)		Himalaya With Michael Palin		Private Life of a Masterpiece		Sons Dau
	575	583	20	CMT	Home Imp.	Roseanne	Carrie Underwood		Reba (CC)	Hope & Faith	Home Imp.	Roseanne	Ed "The Test"
	615	520	51	A&E	CSI: Miami "High Octane"		Criminal Minds "Derailed"		CSI: Miami "Death Eminent"		CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: Miami
	521	560	32	TLC	Ashley Paige	Ashley Paige	Dress	Reception	What Not to Wear "Tara"		Ashley Paige	Ashley Paige	What Not
	616	522	59	SHO	ReGenesis "Haze" (CC)		Cold Squad "Deadly Games"		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams	Webdreams	Sin Cities
	294	650	57	TBS	(6:00) Save the Last Dance ★★★ (2001)			Sex and-City	Sex and-City	(:25) While You Were Sleeping ★★★ (1995) Sandra Bullock.			
	603	561	69	FN	Diner, Drive-In	Road Tasted	Dinner	Glutton	Iron Chef America (CC)		Tasty Travels	Food Safari	Diner, Drive-In
	320	621	30	CEN	(6:30) Accepted ★★ (2006)		Rush Hour 3 ★ (2007) Jackie Chan. Premiere.		(:45) Hot Rod ★★ (2007) Andy Samberg. (CC)				Rush Hour 3
	581	566	101	MTV	Living	Living	MTV Shuffle (CC)		Super Sweet	Engaged	Living	Living	4REAL (CC)

SATURDAY 7/26/08

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3	CBC	Nature-Things	Marple: The Murder at the Vicarage (2004) Derek Jacobi (CC)			Marple: A Murder Is Announced (2005) Geraldine McEwan.			
	255	358	6	CH	E News	Be Real (CC)	Lesser Evil (2006, Drama) Thea Gill, Marc Singer. (CC)				Inside Hollywood (CC)		Guy Stuff
	250	321	9	CTV	eTalk-Coldplay at the BBC		Would Be Kings (2008) (Part 2 of 2) Currie Graham. (CC)				Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	News (N)
	252	336	11	GTV	Andromeda (CC)		Largo Winch "Hot Property"		Andromeda The final battle.		renegade	renegade	News (N)
	256	389	12	VI	New Canoe	Island Week	Kool Countdown (CC)		Law & Order "Driven" (CC)		Eli Stone "Heartbeat" (CC)		Star-at Movies
	253	359	13	CITY	Stargate Atlantis (CC)		Murdoch Mysteries (CC)		Tipping Point (2007) Katheryn Winnick, Karl Pruner. (CC)				Role
	-	-	14	CW	CSI: Miami "Dead Air" (CC)		King	King	Frasier (CC)	Frasier (CC)	CSI: Miami "Open Water"		Cold Case
	289	381	15	CBS	(6:30) Seafair 2008 (CC)		Southwest Airlines Torchlight Parade (CC)				KIRO 7 Special		News (N)
	287	379	16	NBC	Backroads	Inside Edition	The Office	The Office	Law & Order "Driven" (CC)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		News (N)
	288	380	21	ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	Peter Pan ★★★ (1953, Fantasy) Voices of Bobby Driscoll.				Eli Stone "Heartbeat" (CC)		KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23	FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Cops (CC)	Cops (CC)	America's Most Wanted		News (N)	Scrubs (CC)	MADtv (CC)
news	502	390	25	NW	Sneaker Confidential (CC)		Sat. Report	Summer	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Sneaker Confidential (CC)		Sat. Report
	500	500	53	CNN	Newsroom		CNN Presents: Black in America				Newsroom		CNN Presents
family sports	407	419	22	RSP	MLB Baseball Arizona Diamondbacks at San Francisco Giants.				Air Racing		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Poker
	400	400	50	TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Taped) (CC)				Backstage		SportsCentre
	552	543	23	YTV	Storm Hawks	Storm Hawks	Avatar	Naruto (CC)	Zatch Bell (N)	Bleach (CC)	Storm Hawks	Storm Hawks	Shadow
	555	545	60	TEL	Chaotic (CC)	Johnny Test	Chop Socky	6teen	Total Drama	Futurama	Chicken	Rick & Steve	Tripping-Rift
	268	354	5	KNO	National Geographic (CC)		Heartbeat "Sleeping Dogs"		Midsomer Murders "Death and Dreams" (CC)				Life Begins
	575	583	20	CMT	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Grand Ole Opry Live		Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Baby ★★
	615	520	51	A&E	(5:00) Die Hard ★★★ (1988)		The Sopranos (CC)		Die Hard ★★★ (1988, Action) Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman. (CC)				
	521	560	32	TLC	Holmes on Homes		Flip House	Flip House	Trading Spaces		Holmes on Homes		Real Estate
	616	522	59	SHO	(6:00) Lesser Evil (2006)		Love Notes (2007, Drama) Laura Leighton, Antonio Cupo. (CC)				Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Trailer Park
	294	650	57	TBS	(6:45) Men in Black II ★★ (2002) (PA) (CC)		Diary of a Mad Black Woman ★★ (2005) Kimberly Elise, Steve Harris. (CC)				Fighting		
	603	561	69	FN	Top Chef "The Elements"		Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Iron Chef America (CC)		Top Chef "The Elements"		Secret Life of
	320	621	30	CEN	(6:30) Open Season ★★ (CC)		Gone Baby Gone ★★★ (2007) Casey Affleck. Premiere.				Sleepover Nightmare (2005) Chad E. Rook.		
	581	566	101	MTV	Cribs (CC)	4REAL (CC)	MTV Screen	MTV e2 (CC)	MTV Shuffle (CC)		MTV Live	Second Half	MTV e2 (CC)

SUNDAY 7/27/08

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3	CBC	Heartland (CC)		How Do You Solve-Maria		Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban ★★★ (2004) (CC)			Harry Potter
	255	358	6	CH	Vanity	Vanity	Soup Presents	Soup Presents	Extreme Makeover: Home		The Soup	E News	News (N)
	250	321	9	CTV	Instant Star	The Hills (N)	High School Musical: Picture		Cold Case "Torn" (CC)		Mad Men "The Hobo Code"		News (N)
	252	336	11	GTV	renegade	'Til Death	Big Brother 10 (N) (CC)		Family Guy	American Dad	Family Guy	The Simpsons	News (N)
	256	389	12	VI	Funniest Home Videos		X-Men ★★★ (2000, Action) Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart.				Mad Men (CC)		ideaCity
	253	359	13	CITY	Biography "Demi Moore"		Role		Jarhead ★★★ (2005, War) Jake Gyllenhaal, Peter Sarsgaard. (CC)				Role
	-	-	14	CW	One Tree Hill (CC)		Hates Chris	Aliens	The Game	Girlfriends	Seinfeld	Paid Program	Without Trace
	289	381	15	CBS	60 Minutes (CC)		Big Brother 10 (N) (CC)		Cold Case "Torn" (CC)		Flashpoint (CC)		News (N)
	287	379	16	NBC	Outrageous	Outrageous	America's Got Talent (CC)		Dateline NBC (CC)				News (N)
	288	380	21	ABC	Funniest Home Videos		High School Musical: Picture		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives (CC)		KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23	FOX	'Til Death	'Til Death	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)	Q It Up Sports	Law/Ord SVU
news	502	390	25	NW	Poker Face (CC)			Our World	CBC News: Sunday Night		Poker Face (CC)		
	500	500	53	CNN	Newsroom		CNN Presents "Black in America: Black Women & Family"				Newsroom		CNN Presents
family sports	407	419	22	RSP	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Jays
	400	400	50	TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			Golf Senior British Open -- Final Round. (Same-day Tape)			Motoring 2008		SportsCentre
	552	543	23	YTV	(6:00) Dungeons & Dragons ★ (2000)			Prank Patrol	The Next Star (CC)		Falcon Beach (CC)		Falcon Beach
	555	545	60	TEL	Total Drama	Total Drama	Fred's Head	6teen	Total Drama	Futurama	Chicken	Rick & Steve	Tripping-Rift
	268	354	5	KNO	National Geographic (CC)		Rosemary and Thyme (CC)		New Tricks "Ice Cream Wars"		Life Begins (CC)		Last Detective
	575	583	20	CMT	Cheerleader Nation		Cheerleader Nation		Cheerleader Nation		Cheerleader Nation		Cheerleader
	615	520	51	A&E	Two Coreys	Two Coreys	Criss Angel Mindfreak (CC)		Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Two Coreys
	521	560	32	TLC	The Singing Office (N)		My Shocking Story (CC)		Incredibly Small		The Singing Office		Flip House
	616	522	59	SHO	Secrets of an Undercover Wife (2007) Shawnee Smith. (CC)				Trailer Park	Rent-A-Goalie	Scary Movie ★★★ (2000) Shawn Wayans.		
	294	650	57	TBS	Last Holiday ★★ (2006, Comedy) Queen Latifah. (CC)				Phenomenon ★★ (1996, Drama) John Travolta, Kyra Sedgwick. (CC)				
	603	561	69	FN	Jamie	Nigella	Road Grill	Grill	Iron Chef America (CC)		Jamie	Grill	Boy Grill
	320	621	30	CEN	(6:00) Silk ★ (2007) Premiere.		Generation Kill (N) (CC)		Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix ★★★ (2007) Daniel Radcliffe.				
	581	566	101	MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	4REAL (CC)	MTV Screen	MTV Shuffle (CC)		MTV Screen	4REAL (CC)	MTV Shuffle

On August 30th, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., join B.C.'s commercial fishing industry, chefs and seafood experts for the 1st Annual Wild BC Seafood Fest at the Steveston Harbour Authority Fisherman's Park. View cooking demonstrations, sample seafood creations and enjoy live entertainment and kids' activities. Free admission. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Pan-Latin American a perfect fit

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Signature Drink:
Tijuana Speedball
Signature Dish:
Roast Eggplant Chevre Empanada
Rating:
Dinner & drinks for 2: $80

It feels luxurious to review a restaurant that's been open for a year. It belies the usual haste of food writers to cover the latest Hot New Kitchen before everyone else.

With over 100 new restos in 2007, it was inevitable that some would fall through my (many) mental cracks, and unfortunately, Cobre was one of them.

Happily, I rectified this recently with a couple of visits and got the added bonus of sampling a joint that's already gone through its growing pains, worked out its kinks and polished up pretty.

Co-owner and EC Stuart Irving is the Man Behind the Menu, and oh, what a menu it is. Albacore ceviche ($13) with purple-and-white potato salad is a marvel of flavours and textures, smooth, light and dancing on the tongue.

A roasted garlic, eggplant and chevre empanada ($15) in an anchovy coulis was addictive, warm, melty goodness. Flat iron steak ($15) with a Tijuana Caesar and chorizo mash was seared rare and smoky, while maple chipotle glazed beef shortribs ($15) were large, meaty bursts of caveman delights.

A sweet finish with the dolce de leche ($7), a cream and caramel concoction, was the happy ending (for now) to this Latin fantasy.

On the web

- Read more from Anya online at *metronews.typepad.com/urbanfoodie*.

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Roasted garlic, eggplant and chevre empanada.

Malbec: An Immigrant Success Story

This traditional Bordeaux varietal was once planted all over France and used as a "filler" grape for its more popular relations. A sensitivity to frost led to a decrease in plantings and the little vine travelled across the ocean to Argentina, where today it is the major red varietal. Argentinean Malbecs also improve with age, unlike the French versions. Dominio del Plata's BenMarco Malbec 2003 is a great example, with rich, lush plum and currant jam flavours and a savoury finish. BCLS $26.00.

Dining out

LOBSTER LOVERS
Le Gavroche Restaurant's Annual Lobster Festival is running now through August 14. Come in and enjoy a 3-course lobster dinner for $45. Choices include lobster steamed with citrus butter, spit-roasted with braised fennel, thermidor and more. Call 604-685-3924 for reservations.

MUSHROOM MADNESS
Tired of lobster? From August 15 through September 14, Le Gavroche will run its Mushroom Festival, also with a 3-course meal for $45. Try veal tenderloin with morels, duck confit with fresh nameko, wild mushroom terrine and sundry other tidbits. Call 604-685-3924 for reservations.

In brief

SECOND COMING Meinhardt Fine Foods has now opened a second, 15,000 square-foot location, next to the Ridge Theatre at Arbutus Street and West 16 Avenue. Expect local organic produce, deli, rotisserie and bakery items, as well as the famous Meinhardt gift baskets..

WITH A VIEW Opus Hotel has applied to the City of Vancouver to open a seasonal 250-seat rooftop restaurant.

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ADVERTISING FEATURE

PlanB LOUNGE|EATERY

Urban and stylish; sophisticated yet casual... Yaletown's newest arrival is a hip lounge with some of the best tasting share plates in town.

This highly anticipated addition to Vancouver's culinary scene by restauranteur Glenn Cormier has lived up to it's hype. Executive Chef Ryan Zuvich has hit his mark with a tapas style menu for true food lovers. The long narrow room with exposed brick and wood beams has a sleek design with a modern feel.

Ryan Zuvich – Executive Chef

Considered to be one of Vancouver's most creative up-and-coming new talents, the 28 year old Zuvich came back from a stint in Europe to open the kitchen at Plan B. His hiatus to the epicenter of fine cuisine at Michelin kitchens in London & Lyon, France, introduced Ryan to some dynamic new methods of cooking that are largely unheard of in local kitchens. Known best for his time spent as Chef de Cuisine at Bin 942, people will now see Ryan at his best in his own environment…not to mention a bit larger kitchen.

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Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

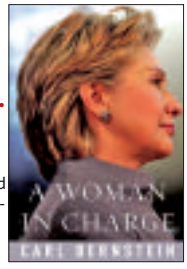
1 The X-Files: I Want To Believe

Gillian Anderson and David Duchovny reprise their roles as FBI special agents Dana Scully and Fox Mulder for the latest movie based on the landmark sci-fi/horror series. The movie is set to take the audience into a journey through the unknown, hoping to make believers out of us all. See if it succeeds — the movie is in theatres today.

2 21

Time to ante up! Inspired by a true story, the movie explores life in the fast lane as an M.I.T. Blackjack Team attempts the cheating method of "counting cards" in a Vegas casino. In the two-disc DVD released on Tuesday, the bonus features include interviews with the cast on how "counting cards" is performed as well as a feature focusing on the luxuries, clothing and locations in the movie.

3 A Woman In Charge: The Life Of Hillary Rodham Clinton, by Carl Bernstein.



You may think it's too late to read this remarkable story, but Clinton's story is that of every woman who has tried to go where no woman has gone before: that's most of us. Delicious read. Eat it up.

4 I Kissed A Girl, by Katy Perry

The sassy song that's candy for the ears is No. 1 on iTunes in seven countries, Canada included. The catchy tune is providing many people with a controversial listen into Perry's scandalous little secret. We like it.

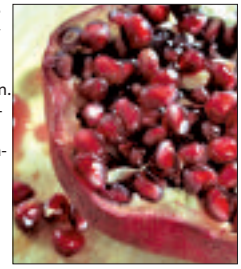
5 The Restaurant

Nine couples are given their own restaurant for free and face the tasks of designing it and creating a menu — within a week. All for the chance of going into business with chef and restaurateur Raymond Blanc, who oversees the projects. The Restaurant premieres tomorrow on BBC Canada.

6 Celebration

The annual HSBC Celebration of Light, an international pyro-musical fireworks competition, continues in Vancouver this weekend. Canada opened the show on Wednesday and Team U.S.A. follows this Saturday with its Love Will Change The World-themed show. The skies light up at 10 p.m. in English Bay and are approximately half-an-hour long.

7 Pomegranates



This exotic fruitis loaded with vitamins C and B, potassium, fibre, folic acid and iron. Preliminary studies suggest pomegranates may contain nearly three times the antioxidants of green tea or red wine, and may play a role in the prevention of cancer and heart disease, *readersdigest.ca* reports.

... and what's not:

Christian Bale accused of assaulting his mother and sister

Less than a week after the colossal opening weekend of The Dark Knight, Christian Bale was arrested and released on bail on Tuesday after his 61-year-old mother and 40-year-old sister reportedly filed a complaint, accusing him of assault. The alleged incident is said to have taken place in London, England on Sunday, the day before the film's European premiere. Bale, who plays superhero Batman in The Dark Knight, denies the assault took place. While the allegations have not been proven, the arrest itself has cast a shadow over the success of the film.

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Jackman's jacket for auction

A leather jacket worn by Hugh Jackman in the X-Men franchise is expected to fetch $20,000 US when it is sold at the latest Profiles in History auction on July 31 and Aug. 1 in California. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Miller sues over pics with married actor

PRIVACY Sienna Miller is striking back against two British newspapers and a photo agency for publishing shots of her cavorting with married actor Balthazar Getty off the Amalfi coast, People.com reports.

The actress accuses them of breach of privacy and has filed suit in London's High Court, her legal representatives said.

Miller and the law firm of Carter-Ruck are taking aim at the photo agency Big Pictures and News International, which publishes the News of the World and Sun newspapers, which ran a series of stories and (scantily clad) pictures of Miller on vacation with the Brothers and Sisters star.

Getty, 33, recently announced his separation from wife Rosetta, mother of his four children.

In December, Miller, 26, won a judgment of about $75,000 US against The Sun and The News of the World for publishing "highly intrusive" photos of her while she was filming a nude scene for the movie Hippie Hippie Shake.

It's believed to be the largest fine ever levied for a photographic invasion of privacy in the U.K.

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GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Hawke a daddy again

THAT'S THREE Ethan Hawke is a father for the third time, People.com reports.

The actor and author's wife, Ryan Shawhughes, gave birth to Clementine Jane Hawke last week in New York City.

"They are thrilled," Hawke's rep, Mara Buxbaum, said when news of the pregnancy was first announced.

"I expect that they should be very good parents," a family member said.

"They both love children, and they love each other ... I know they are thrilled."

Hawke, 37, and Shawhughes — former nanny to Hawke's son and daughter with Uma Thurman — married in June in a small ceremony in New York City.

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Affleck's mom drops baby news

BABY NEWS Ben Affleck's mother has become the latest person to let slip about her daughter-in-law Jennifer Garner's baby news, reportedly confirming Hollywood's worst-kept secret at a family wedding, imdb.com reports.

When her actor son and his wife failed to make it to the Cape Cod nuptials recently, Chris Affleck told guests that Garner "wasn't up for the trip."

When guests pressed her for more information, Chris left them with no doubt.

"She put her hands on her tummy, patted it gently and gave a huge smile," a witness Life + Style magazine.

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celebrity briefs

McCready gets treatment

REHAB After a trip to the emergency room in Tennessee, country singer Mindy McCready entered rehab for undisclosed reasons, People.com reports. "Mindy McCready did receive emergency care at Vanderbilt University Medical Center," says her rep.

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Playboy for Brooke Hogan?

PICS Brooke Hogan has been approached to pose nude for Playboy, her publicist told the New York Daily News — and she hasn't said no.

"No decision has been made at this time," her rep said.

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A reluctant Fox

SEX SYMBOL Megan Fox apparently hates her position as the Sexiest Woman In The World — insisting the title "annoys" her, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Transformers actress was voted the top babe in FHM magazine's annual list of lovelies earlier this year.

But Fox isn't keen to promote herself as a screen siren, and hates getting raunchy on set after her "awkward" love scenes in upcoming movie Jennifer's Body.

"I'm not comfortable with it (FHM Sexiest Woman) at all," she said.

"It annoys me. I have a few love scenes (in Jennifer's Body).

"I eat and seduce everyone — boys and girls. There's a lot of kissing and craziness.

"It was awkward — it's always awkward and it's never fun."

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celebrity briefs

Williams just Jonze's for kiss

ROMANCE Michelle Williams has sparked rumours of a new romance with filmmaker Spike Jonze, imdb.com reports.

She's been repeatedly spotted with Jonze near his Manhattan apartment. An onlooker tells Star magazine, "Michelle kissed Spike with a closed mouth on the corner of his lips." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Driver flies solo

PARENTING Minnie Driver says women don't need men to have children, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress, who is eight months pregnant and has refused to publicly identify the baby's father, will raise her child alone.

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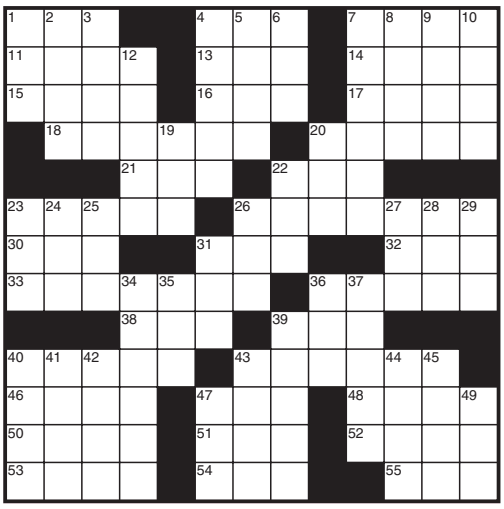
Guests on Grey's
The two-hour season premiere of Grey's Anatomy on Sept. 25 will guest star Bernadette Peters, Mariette Hartley and Kathy Baker as friends who each require the hospital's care. TVGUIDE.COM

Take Five



Crossword down

1 Dogma
2 Fibber, plus
3 Boxing win
4 Helped the Tin Man
5 Cattle mover
6 Letter after sigma
7 Urban problem
8 Loaf end
9 Depletes
10 Painted tinware
12 Port near Hong Kong
19 Uncles and nephews
20 FYI word
22 Produce eggs
23 Yes, to Angus
24 Campground initials
25 Home furnishing
26 Do the wrong thing
27 Provoke
28 Scrutinize
29 Lipstick color
31 Mid-Atlantic st.
34 Novel closer
35 Long-tailed rodent
36 — Voight of films
37 Big name at Indy
39 Fixed a piano
40 Nowhere near
41 "— Lisa"
42 German city
43 Char
44 Poet's black
45 Chaucer offering
47 To's opposite
49 Longbow wood

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Crossword across

1 Variety
4 Make a choice
7 Boarded up
11 Thailand, once
13 Rollover subj.
14 Tijuana coin
15 Pyramid builder
16 Gehrig or Costello
17 Film spool
18 Swayed gently
20 Bogus
21 Respond to an SOS
22 Weather system
23 Tire center
26 Before now
30 Pay as — go
31 Uninteresting
32 Grain crop
33 More gung-ho
36 Feinted
38 Sidekick
39 Unit of weight
40 Scope
43 Colorful time
46 Hoodwink
47 Marsh
48 Auction site
50 Livy's year
51 Charlotte of "Bananas"
52 Actor's quest
53 Gave a buzz
54 California fort
55 Up-to-date

previous day's answer

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
When you feel sorry for a loved one, chart a new course. An unexpected person has good times in mind. Criticism will cause distress.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A macho guy will talk about love. You must correct a dicey situation. Awareness will put you ahead of the game.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
A friend offers an unproductive analysis. Old responses won't work in a new situation. Your beliefs will be disputed by an imbecile.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A brave friend steps in to offer protection. A divine idea comes like a bolt from the blue. You'll amaze yourself by speaking the truth.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Shake up the status quo before boredom sets in. A discussion will become animated. Someone may unwittingly hurt your pride.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You won't know what you have until it's gone. A coward will shock everyone. A spiritual man will cause a bit of grumbling.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Don't seek reason when an intuitive flash strikes. Waste no time complaining about criticism. A woman will heed your call.

SCORPIO
OCT 24- NOV 22
Make better points with good humour. A chatty person will get funny. This is the right time to heal old wounds.

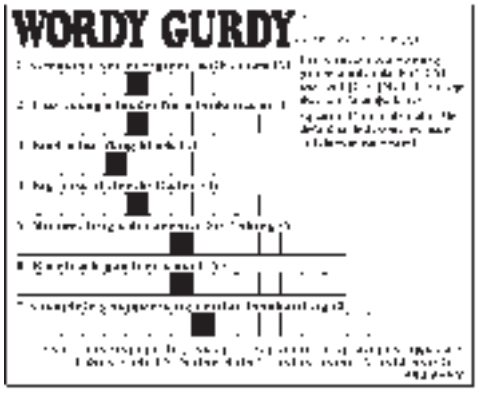
SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23- DEC 21
Attention is being paid to a maternal person. A loving man prepares for a change. A snit puts a damper on a celebration.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Someone will demand that you open your mind. Damaged goods have a sordid tale to tell. An opportunist will give up hope.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Send a love letter. Do something that goes against your nature. Don't debate about flattery unless you want trouble.

PISCES
FEB 19-MAR 20
You'll find a lost object after sunset. A situation will be held in suspended animation. Make no comment about a friend's behaviour.

WORDY GURDY



This day in history

JULY 25, 1755: The decision to deport the Acadians takes place in Halifax. Thousands of Acadians are sent to the British Colonies in America, France and England. Some later moved to Louisiana, while others later resettled in New Brunswick.
JULY 25, 1837: The first commercial use of an electric telegraph was successfully demonstrated by William Cooke and Charles Wheatstone on 25 July between Euston and Camden Town in London.
JULY 25, 1917: Sir Thomas Whyte introduces the first income tax in Canada as a "temporary" measure (lowest bracket is 4 per cent and highest is 25 per cent).

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INSTRUCTIONS:
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

1	6	5	7	3	8	2	4	9
8	3	2	9	1	4	7	5	6
9	4	7	6	2	5	1	3	8
4	9	6	3	5	2	8	7	1
5	1	3	8	9	7	4	6	2
2	7	8	1	4	6	5	9	3
3	8	9	5	7	1	6	2	4
6	5	4	2	8	9	3	1	7
7	2	1	4	6	3	9	8	5

SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:
Under 13 . . . . . Genius
13-17 . . . . . Scholar
17-21 . . . . . Smart
21-25 . . . . . Not bad
25+ . . . . . Keep practicing

	9							7
		2	9					
8		4		7	2			3
					5		9	6
		8		4		5		
4	7		1					
1			8	2		6		5
					6	2		
5							4	

Vancouver weather

Afternoon	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Sunny. 24°	Clear. Low 14°	Partly cloudy. 20°/15°	60% Rain. 20°/12°	Sunny. 20°/12°

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Temperature
Normals
High: 22.7°
Low: 13.5°

Records
High: 31.5°/1988
Low: 11.1°/1943

Sunrise: 5:36 a.m.
Sunset: 9:01 p.m.
Moonset: 2:27 p.m.
Moonrise: 11:42 p.m.

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